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The first Chapter.

An Acte for the vniformitie of
common praier, and administration
of the Sacramentes.



Here there hath bene a very Godly
order sette furthe, by aucthoritie of
Parlament, for common praier, &
administration of the Sacramen-
tes, to be vsed in the mother tonge,
within this church of Englande,
agreable to the worde of God, and
the primatiue Church, very com-
fortable to all good people desi-
ryng to lyue in christian conuersa-
tion, and most profitable to the es-
tate of this realme, vpon the whi-
che, the mercy, fauour, and blessing
of almighty God, is in no wise so redily, and plentifully poyzed, as
by commune praiers, due vsyng of the Sacramentes, & often prea-
chyng of the Gospell, with the deuociō of the hearers: and yet this not
withstandyng, a greate nūber of people in diuers partes of this Re-
alme, folowynge their owne sensualite, & liuyng either without kno-
wlege, or due feare of God, do wilfully & dampnably before almighty
God absteine, and refuse to come to their Paroche Churches, & o-
ther places where cōmune praier, administration of the Sacramen-
tes & preachyng of the worde of God is vsed, vpon the Sondais &
other daies ordeined to be holy daies.

For reformation herof, be it enacted by the Kyng our Soueraigne
lorde, with the assent of the lordes, and cōmunes, in this present par-
lament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of thesame, that from & af-
ter the feast of al Sainctes nexte commyng, al, and euery persone &
persones, inhabityng within this realme, or any other the Kynges
maiesties domintōs, shall diligently & faithfully (hauyng no lawfull
or resonable excuse to be absent) endeuour theselues to resort to their
paroche church, or chappel accustomed, or vpon reasonable let there-
of, to some vsual place where cōmune praier, & suche seruice of god
shal be vsed in suche tyme of let, vpon euery Sondaye, and other daies
ordeined, and vsed to be kepte as holy dayes, and then, and there to a-
byde ordrely, & sobzely, duryng the tyme of the cōmune praier, prea-
chynges, or other seruice of God, there to be vsed and ministred, vpon
paine of punishment by the Censures of the church.

And for the due execution hereof, the kynges most excellent Ma-
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*all person to resort
to their parish church
vpon sundays and
other holy daies*

*to remaine there so
long as the service
of God is sayd*

iekie, the lordes tempoꝛall, and all the cōmons in this present Parla-
ment assembled, doth in Gods name earnestly require, and charge all
the Archebischoppes, Bischoppes, & other Ordenaries, that thei shall
endeuour theselves, to the bittermost of their knowleges, that the due
and true execucion hereof maie be had, thzoughout their diocesses and
charges, as thei will answere befoze God, foꝛ suche euilles and pla-
ges, wherwith almightie God, maie iustly punishe his people, foꝛ
neglectyng this good and wholesome lawe.

And foꝛ their aucthoꝛitie in this behalfe, be it further likewise ena-
cted, by th aucthoꝛitie aforesaid, that all, & singuler, the same Arche-
bischoppes, Bischoppes, & all other their officers exercisyng Ecclesia-
sticall Iurisdiction, as well in place exempt, as not exēpt, within their
diocesses, shall haue ful power & aucthoꝛitie by this acte, to refoꝛme
coꝛrect, and punishe by Censures of the churche, all and synguler per-
sones, which shall offende within any their Iurisdiccions, oꝛ diocesses
after the said feast of all Sainctes next commyng, against this acte &
statute, any other lawe, statute, pꝛeuilege, libertie, oꝛ pꝛouision, here-
tofoze made, had, oꝛ suffered to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And because there hath risen, in the vse and exercise of the foresaid
cōmon seruike in the Church, heretofore set furthe, diuerse Doubtes
foꝛ the fashioꝛ & maner of the ministracion of the same, rather by the
curiositie of the minister, & mistakers, then of any other woꝛthy cause,
therfoze as well foꝛ the moze plain & manifest explanacion hereof, as
foꝛ the moze perfeccion of the said oꝛder of cōmon seruike, in some pla-
ces where it is necessary to make the same pꝛaier & fashioꝛ of seruike
moze earnest & fitte, to stirre chꝛistian people to the true honouryng
of almightie God: the kynges mozte excellēt maiestie, with the assent
of the lordes and commons, in this present Parliament assembled, &
by the aucthoꝛitie of the same, hath caused the aforesaid oꝛder of com-
mon seruike, entituled the Boke of common pꝛaier, to be faithfully &
Godly perused, explaned, and made fully perfect, & by the foresaid
aucthoꝛitie, hath annexed and ioyned it, so explaned and perfected to
this present statute, addyng also a fourme and maner of makyng, &
consecratyng of Archbischoppes, Bischoppes, Pꝛiestes, and Deacons,
to be of like foꝛce, aucthoꝛitie, & value, as the same like foresaid boke
entituled the Boke of cōmon pꝛaier was befoze, and to be accepted,
receiued, bled, and esteemed, in like soꝛte and maner, & with the same
clauses of pꝛouisions and exceptions, to all ententes, constructions,
and purposes, as by the acte of Parlamēt, made in the second yere of
the kynges Maiesties reigne, was ordeined, limited, expꝛessed, & ap-
poynted, foꝛ the vniformite of seruike, & administracion of the Sa-
cramentes, thzoughout the realme, vpon suche seuerall paines, as in
thesaid acte of Parliament is expꝛessed. And the said foꝛmer acte, to
stand in full foꝛce and strength, to all ententes, and constructions, &
to

Bishops and ordinaries
prior to see to the
execution of the
statute in this
power

To punish by eccle-
siastical censures

And the kinges
pꝛaier to be made

The booke of common
pꝛaier explaned
and made perfect

to be applied, practised, and put in vze, to and for the establisshynge of the booke of common prater, now explained, and hereunto annexed, & also the said forme of makynge of Archebischoppes, Bischoppes, Priests, and Deacons, hereunto annexed, as it was for the former booke.

And by the auctoritie aforesaid it is now further enacted, that if any maner of persone, or persones, inhabityng & beyng within this realme, or any other the kynges Maiesties dominions, shall after the said feast of all Saintes, willyngly, and wittyngly, heare, and be present at any other maner, or forme, of comon prater, or administration of the Sacramentes, of makynge of ministers in the churches, or of any other rites, cōtained in the booke annexed to this acte, then is mencioned, and set furthe in the said Booke, or that is contrary to the forme of sondery prouisions, & exceptions, contained in the foresayed former Statute, & shalbe thereof conuicted, accoꝝdng to the lawes of this realme, before the Justices of Assise, Justices of Oyer & Terminer, Justices of Peace in their Sessions, or any of the, by the verdict of twelve men, or by his, or their awne cōfessioꝝ or otherwise, shall for the firste offence suffre emprisonment, for sixe monethes, without baille, or mainprise, & for the second offence, beyng likewise cōuicted, as is aboue said, emprisonment for one whole yere, & for the third offence, in like maner emprisonment, during his, or their liues. And for the moze knowlege to be geuen hereof, & better obseruacion of this lawe: be it enacted by thaurthoritie aforesaid, that all, & singular curates, shall bpō one Sondaye euery quarter of the yere, during one whole yere, next folowynge the foresaid feast of all Saintes next commynge, rede this present acte in the Church, at the tyme of the mooste assembly, and likewise ones in euery yere folowynge, at the same tyme declaryng vnto the people, by the auctoritie of the scripture, howe the mercy & goodnes of God, hath in all ages bene shewed to his people, in their necessities, and extremities, by meanes of hartie and faithfull praers, made to almightie God, especially where people be gathered together with one faith and mynde, to offer bp their hartes by prater, as the best Sacrifices that christian men can yeld.

The.ii. Chapter.

An acte, for the prouision and relief of the poore.



Lhentēt, that valiāt beggers, idle, & loytryng psones, maie be auoyded, & the impotent, feble, & lame, prouided for, whiche are poore in verie dede: be it enacted by y^e king our souereigne lord, with the assent of the lordes, spirituall & temporall, & the Commons in this present Parliamēt assembled, & by auctoritie of the same, that as well the Statute, made in the .xxii. yere of y^e late kyng of famous memoꝝie, kyng Henry y^e eight, as also the Statute,

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made in the third and fourth yere of the reigne of the kinges maicesty that now is, cōcernyng beggers, bagabondes, and idle persons, and every article, clause, brāunche, sentence, and other thinges contēined in them, and in every of them, (other then suche thynges, as shalbe by thys present acte ordeined, and provided for,) shall stande, remaine, & be in their full force, and effect, and shalbe from hencefurth, iustly and truly put in execution, accordyng to the true meanyng of the said severall statutes, and every of them.

And further be it enacted by thauthoritie aforesaide, that yerely one holydaie in Whithson weeke, in every citie, borough, & towne corporate, the Mayor bailifes, or other head officers for the tyme being, and in every other parische of the country, the persone, vicar, or curate and the churchwardēnes, haupyng in a registre, or booke, aswel al the names of the inhabitants, & householders, as also the names, of all suche impotent, aged, & nedie persones, as beyng within their citie, borough, towne corporate, or parische, are not able to live of them selves, nor with their owne labour, shall openly in the church, & quietly after diuine seruite, call the said householders, & inhabitants together, among whome, the Mayor, and .ii. of his brethren in every citie, the bailiffes, or other heade officers in boroughes, & townes corporate the persone, vicar, or Curate, & Churchwardēnes, in every other parische shall elect, nominate, and appoint yerely, two able persones, or mo, to be gatherers, and collectours of the charitable almose of all the residue of the people, for the reliefe of the poore. whiche collectours, the Sondaie next after their election, (or the Sondaie folowynge, yf nederequire) when the people is at the church, & hath heard gods holy worde, shall gently aske and demaunde of every man, & woman, what thei of their charitie, wil be cōtented to geue wekely, toward y reliefe of the poore. And the same to be writē, in the said registre, or booke And the said gatherers, so being elected, and cholen, shall iustly gather and truly distribute the same charitable almose wekeiy (by the selves or their assignes) to the said poore, and impotent persones, of the said citie, borough, towne corporate, or parishes, withoute fraude, or couin, favour, or affection. And after such sort, that the more impotent may haue the more helpe, and such as can get parte of their liuyng to haue the lesse. And by the discretio of the collectours, to be put in such labour as they be fitte, and able to do, but none to go, or sitte openly a beggyng, vpon paine limited in the aforesaid statutes.

Be it also enacted, by thauthoritie aforesaide, that no persone, or persons, so elected, nominated, and appointed, to be gatherer, or gatherers as is aforesaide, shall refuse the said office, but shall iustly, & truly execute the same, by the space of one whole yere next enliuing, vpon paine of forfeiting. xx. s. to the almose boare of the poore, to be leuied by the church wardēns wher thei, or he dwelleth, of the goodes of y
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saied gatherer, or gatherers, so refusyng, by distresse.

And further be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that the said gatherers, or collectours shall make their iust accõpte quarterly, to the Maioz of the citie, Bailifes, or heade Officers of the Borough, or toun corporate: and in euery Parishe of the countrey, to the Person Vicar, or Curate, & Churchwardens of the Parishe. At whiche accõpt, suche of the Parishe as wil, maie be present. And whẽ thei go out of their office, they shal deliuer, or cause to be deliuered, furthwith vpon the ðe of their accomptes, al suche surplusage of money, as then shal remain of their collection vndistributed, to be put in the cõmon chest of the church, or in some other saue place to the vse of the pooze, at the ouersight, & discrecion of thesaied Maioz, or other the officers before mencioned. And if thesaied Collectours, or any of theim, do refuse to make their saied accõpte within eight daies: the the Byshop of the Dioces, or Ordinarie, shall haue aucthoritie by vertue of thys acte, to compel thesaied persone, or persones, by Censures of the church, to make their saied accomptes, before suche persones as thesaied Bishop, or Ordinarie, shall appoynt.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that if any persone, or persõs, being able to further this charitable worke, do obstinately & frowardly, refuse to geue towarde the help of the pooze, or do wilfully discourage other frõ so charitable a die: the persone vicar, or curate, & Churchwardens, of the Parishe where he dwelleth, shal gẽtly exhort him, or theim, towarde the relief of the pooze. And if he, or they, wil not so be perswaded, the vpon the certificate of the persone, vicar, or Curate of the Parishe to the Bishop of the Dioces, thesame Bishop shall sende for him, or theim, to induce, and perswade him, or the, by charitable waies, & meanes. And so accordyng to hys discrecion, to take order for the refozmacion thereof.

And for the better maintenaunce of this charitable worke, it is ordeined, & established, by aucthoritie aforesaid, that where as the late kyng of famous memorie, Kyng Henry the eight, by his seueral erectiõs and foundations, hath ordeined and appointed, any some, or somes of money, to the vse of the pooze (not bepng takẽ a waie, otherwise by Acte of Parliament) whether thesame be in any Cathedrall Church, College, or els where: y Bishop of the Dioces, for the time beyng, shal from time to time, examine, how, and after what maner, thesaied money is bestowed, and cal to accõpt the parties, which retain thesaied money, so that it maie appere, that thesame is distributed to the pooze, accordyng to the kynges maiesties foundation.

Provided alwaies, and be it further enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that this present Acte, nor any thing therein contained, shall extẽde, or be preiudiciall vnto the Maioz, Shirefes, and Citezeins, of the citie of Chester, for, or cõcerning any gift, or graũt, of any an-

nuitie, or yerely rent, heretofore made, geue, or graunted by the kynges maiestie that now is, vnto the said Maior, Shierifes, & citezens, of the said citie, goyng out of any manours, landes, tenementes, & hereditamentes, of the Cathedrall church of Christ, and our Lady, with in the citie of Chester, but that the same Maior, Shierifes, & citezens, shall, & maie from hencefurthe, receiue, vse, and employe the same annuities, yerely rentes, or profites, to suche vses, & ententes, and accordyng to the said gifte of our said soueraigne Lorde the kyng, any thyng in this present acte to the contrary notwithstanding. This acte to endure to the ende of the first Session, of the next Parliamt.

The.iii. Chapitre.

**An acte, for the keepyng of holy daies,
and fastyng daies.**



Inasmuche as at all tymes men be not so mindful to laude and praise God, so redy to resoꝛt & heere Gods holy worde, and to come to the holy comunion, and other laudable rites, whiche are to be obserued in euery Christian congregacion, as their bounden dutie doth require: therfore to call men to remembraunce of their dutie, and to helpe their infirmitie, it hath bene wholesomely prouided, that there should be some certain tymes and daies appoynted, wherein the christians should cease fro al other kynd of labours, and should apply them selues onely, and wholly, vnto the aforesaid holy woꝛkes, properly pertainyng vnto true religion. That is, to heare, to learne, and to remember almightie Gods greate benefites, his manifold mercies, his inestimable gracious goodnes, so plentifully potoꝛed vpon all his creatures, and that of his infinite, & vnspokeable goodnes, without any mannes deserte. And in remembraunce hereof, to render vnto hym, moſte high & hartie thankes, with prayes and supplications, for the relief of all oure dailie necessities. And because these be the chief and principall woꝛkes, wherein man is commaunded to woꝛship God, and do properly, pertain vnto the first table: therfore as these woꝛkes, are bothe moſte comonly, and also maie well be called Gods seruice, so the tymes appoynted specially for the same, are called holy daies. Not for the matter & nature, either of the tyme, or daie, nor for any of the saintes sakes, whose memoꝛies are had on those daies (for so all daies and tymes considered are Gods creatures, and all of like holines) but for the nature and condiction of those Godly & holy woꝛkes, wherewith onely God is to be honoured, & the congregacion to be edified, whereunto suche tymes and daies, are sanctified and hallowed. That is to saie, separated from all prophane vses, and dedicated and appoynted, not vnto any saint or creature, but onely vnto God, and his true woꝛship. Neither is it to be thought, that there is any certayn tyme or definite

definite number of daies, prescribed in holy scripture, but that the ap-
 poyntemēt, bothe of the time, and also of the number of the daies, is
 left by thaurthoritie of Gods word, to the libettie of Chyristes churchē
 to be determined and assigned orderly in euery countrey, by the discre-
 tion of the rulers & ministers thereof, as thei shall iudge moſte, expe-
 dient to the true ſettyng furthe of Goddes glozie, & the edificacion of
 their people. Be it therfore enacted, by the kyng our ſouereigne lord
 with the aſſent of the lordes ſpirituall and temporall, & the commons
 in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, & by thaurthoritie of the ſame,
 that all the daies hereafter mencioned, ſhalbe kept, and cōmaunded
 to be kept holy daies, & none other. That is to ſaie, all Sondayes in
 the yere, the daies of the feaſtes of the Circūciſion of our lord Jeſus
 Chyiſte. Of the Epiphanie. Of the Purificatiō of the bleſſed Virgin.
 Of S. Mathie the Apoſtle. Of the Annūciaciō of the bleſſed virgin.
 Of ſainct Marke the Euangelist. Of ſainct Philip & Iacob the A-
 poſtles. Of the Aſcēciō of our lord Jeſus Chyiſt. Of the Natiuitie
 of ſainct Ihon Baptiſt. Of ſainct Peter the Apoſtle. Of ſainct Ja-
 mes the Apoſtle. Of ſainct Bartholomewe the Apoſtle. Of ſainct
 Matthewe the Apoſtle. Of ſainct Michaell the archaūgell. Of ſainct
 Luke the Euangelist. Of ſainct Simon & Jude the Apoſtles. Of all
 Sainctes. Of ſaincte Andzewe the Apoſtle. Of ſainct Thomas the
 Apoſtle. Of the Natiuitie of our Lord. Of ſainct Stephen the mar-
 tire. Of ſaincte Ihon the Euangelist. Of the holy Innocētes. Whōdaie
 and Twelſdaie in Eaſter weke. And Whōedaie and Twelſdaie in
 Whitſon weke. And that none other daie ſhalbe kepte, & cōmaunded
 to be kept holy daie, or to abſtein from lawfull bodily labour.

And it is alſo enacted, by the aucthoritie aforeſaid, that euery euen
 or daie, next goyng before any of the aforeſaid daies of the feaſtes of
 the Natiuitie of our lord, of Eaſter, of the Aſcēciō of our lord Je-
 ſus Chyiſt, of the Purification, & the Annūciacion of the aforeſaid bleſ-
 ſed virgin, of all Sainctes, & of all of theſaid feaſtes of the Apoſtles
 (other then of ſainct Ihon the euangelist, & Philip and Iacob) ſhalbe
 faſted, and commaunded ſo to be kepte and obſerued, and that none
 other euen, or daie, ſhalbe commaunded to be faſted.

And it is enacted, by the aucthoritie aboue ſaid, that it ſhalbe law-
 full to all Archebiſhoppes, and Biſhoppes in their Dioceſſes, and to
 all other haūyng Eccleſiaſticall, or ſpirituall iuriſdiction, to enquire of
 euery perſone, that ſhall offende in the premies, & to puniſhe euery
 ſuche offendour, by the Cenſures of the Churchē, & to enioyne hym,
 or theim, ſuche penaunce, as ſhalbe to the ſpirituall Judge, by his di-
 ſcretion thought mete and conuenient.

Provided alwaies, that this Acte, or any thyng therein contained,
 ſhall not extende to abrogate, or take awaie, the abſtinence fro fleſhe
 in Lent, or on Fridaies, & Saturdaies, or any other daie, whiche is
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alredy appoynted so to be kepte, by vertue of an acte, made, and prouided, in the thirde yere of the reigne of our soueraigne lord the kinges Maiesty that now is, sauynge onely of those euens, or daies, wherof the holy daie next folowynge is abrogated by this Statute. Any thyng aboue mencioned to the contrary in any wise, notwithstanding.

Prouided also, and it is enacted, by the auctorite aforesaid, that when, and so often, as it shall chaunce any of the said feastes (the euens wherof be by this statute commaunded to be obserued, & kept fastynge daie) to fall vpon the Mōneday: that the, as it hath alwaies bene here tofore accustomedly bled, so hereafter the Saturdaie the next goynge before any suche feast, or holy daie, & not the Sondaye, shalbe commaunded to be fasted for the euen of any suche feast, or holy daie. Any thyng in this statute before mencioned, or declared to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Prouided alwaies, and it is enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that it shalbe lawfull to every husbandman, labourer, fisherman, & to all and euery other persone, & persones, of what estate, degree, or condition he, or they be, vpon the holy daies aforesaid, in harvest, or at any other times in the yere whē necessitie shall require, to labor, ryde, fische, or worke any kinde of worke, at ther free willes, and pleasure. Any thyng in this acte to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that it shalbe lawfull to the knyghtes of the ryght honourable order of the Garter, and to euery of theym, to kepe, & celebrate solemply, the feast of their order, comunely called saint Georges feast, yerely from hencefurth the .xxii. .xxiii. and .xxiiii. daies of Aprille, & at suche other tyme & tymes, as yerely shalbe thought conueniente by the kynges highnes, his heires & successours, and the said knyghtes of the said honourable order, or any of theym now beyng, or hereafter to be. Any thyng in this acte heretofore mencioned to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ The .iiii. Chapter.

¶ An acte agayn fyghtynge and quarellynge in churches and churche yardes.



Prouided as of late, diuerse & many outragious & barbarous behauiours & actes, haue bene bled and committed by diuers vngodly, & irreligious psones, by quarelyng, braulyng, fraieng and fyghtynge openly in churches, & churchyardes: Therfore it is enacted by the kyng our soueraigne lord, with the assent of the lordes spiritual & tempozall, and the communes in this present parliament assembled, & by the auctorite of the same, that if any persone whatsoeuer, shall at any tyme after the first daie of Maie next comynge

myng, by wordes onely querel, chide, or bzaule in any church, or churchyard, that then it shalbe lawfull vnto the Ordinary of the place where the same offence shalbe done, and proued by two lawfull wytnesses, to suspende every person so offending. That is to saye, yf he be a laye mā, ab ingressu Ecclesiæ, & if he be a clerke, from the ministratiō of his office, for so long tyme as the said Ordinary shal by his Discretion thinke mete, and conuenient, according to the faulte.

And further it is enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that yf any person or persons, after the said first day of Maye, shall smyte, or laye any violent handes vpon any other, either in any Church, or churchyard: That then Ipso facto, every person so offendynge, shalbe demed excommunicate, and be excluded from the felowship and company of Christes congregation.

And also it is enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that if any persone, after the said first day of Maye, shal maliciously strike any person, with any weapon, in any church or Churchyard, or after the same fyrste day of Maye shal drawe any weapon, in any Church or Churchyard, to the entent to strike another with the same weapon: That then every person so offendynge, and therof being conuicted by verdict of. xii. men, or by his owne confession, or by two lawfull wytnesses, before the Justices of Assise, Justices of Oyer, & Determiner or Justices of Peace in their sessions, by force of this acte shalbe adjudged by the same Justices, before whom suche persone, shalbe conuicted, to haue one of his eares cutte of. And yf the person or persones so offending, haue none eares, whereby they should receyue suche punishment as is before declared, that then he or they to be marked, and burned in the cheke, with an hotte yron hauing the letter F. whereby he or they may be knownen and taken, for scape makers, and fighters, and besydes that every such person, to be, and stande, Ipso facto, excommunicated, as is aforesaide.

The. b. Chapitre.

An acte, for the maintenaunce of Tillage,
and encrease of cozne,



For the better maintenaunce of Tillage, & encrease of Cozne to be had within this Realme, which of late tyme, bene muche decayed, by such as haue couerted landes vsually put in Tillage to pasture: Be it enacted by the king our soueraigne Lorde, with thassent of the Lordez & commons, in this pzent Parlament assembled, & by the auctoritie of the same, that there shalbe perely, after the feast of thannunciatiō of our Lady, whiche shalbe in the yere of our Lorde God, a thousande, five hundred, fiftie and thre

asmuche lande, or moze, put wholly in tillage, and vled and sowed, according to the custome of the country, and nature of the ground, and so shalbe continued, and vled for Tillage, and sowed for euer, by the owners, fermours, or occupiers therof, in euery toun, parryshe, byllage, and hamlet within the realme of England, and Wales: as was or hath bene put in tillage in any one yeare, and so kepte in tillage, by the space of foure yerres, any time sence the firste yeare of the reygne of Kyng Henry the eight, vpon paine to forfeit to the king, and his heires, for euery acre not put in tillage, vled and occupied, accordinge to the fourme and effect of this present acte. v. §. for euery yere so offending. And for the better execution of this acte: be it enacted by thauthozitie aforesaid, that our saied souereigne lord the king, his heires and successours, at his and their wyl and pleasure from tyme to tyme maye direct his, and their seuerall commission, and commissions, vnder the great seale of Englande, to suche persones as it shal please them. And that the same commissioners, or foure of them at the least, shal haue power and aucthority by vertue of this act, and of the sayde commission, to enquire, searche, and trie by thoothes of. xii. lawfull and indifferent persons or moze, in euery hundzed, rape, or wapentake, suche as may dispende yerely. xl. §. of freeholde, what landes, and Tenementes in euery toun, paroch, village or hammelet, wythin the limites of their charge haue (against the fourme and effect of this present acte and statute) at any tyme or tymes, sence the sayd fyfthe yeare of the reigne of kyng Henry the eight, bene conuerted and turned fro Tillage to pasture, and so lyeng conuerted and turned from tyllage, to pasture, and is now, and hereafter so shalbe cotinued and occupied in pasture. And that the said. xii. persones or moze vpon theyr othes, shal make true, and lawefull presentment, and certificat, aswel of all and singuler the premisses, as of the names, or syzenames, of the owners, fermours, and occupiers of the same, in wyting vnder their seales, to the said commissioners, at suche day, time, and place, as shalbe limited to them, by the said commissioners. And that the sayde Commissioners, after such presentmentes therof had, and made, shal cause the same presentmentes to be engrossed in parchement endented, and sealed with their seales, wherof the one parte thereof shalbe deliuered to the foreman of the Jury, and the other part thereof shalbe certified into the kynges court of chauncery, within two monethes nexte after suche presentment so had, and made. And that from thencefurthe the said presentmentes, with conuenient spiede shalbe certified, & streteed out, and from the said court of Chauncery, into the Courte of the Eschequier, there to remaine of recozde among the kinges maiesties recozdes of the same courte of theschequier, to the intent that this statute shalbe the moze diligently, and indifferently put in the execution, according to the true meaning therof.

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And be it further enacted by thauuthoritie aforesaid, that such commissioners, as shal hereafter be aucthorized by vertue of the kynges commission to put this Acte in execution, shall before suche tyme as he or they shal sit vpon the same commission, take a corporal othe before the Lorde Chauncellour of Englande, or the Lorde keeper of the great Seale, for the tyme beyng, or before suche other person or persons, as shall haue aucthoritie from the Lord Chauncellour of Englande, or the keeper of the great Seale for the tyme beyng, by *Vedimus potestatem*, to receyue and take his or their othes, truly, faithfully, indifferently and iustly, according to the vttermost of his or their wittes leaueynge, and conynge to endeouore them selues, for and to the true execution of this statute, and of all and euery thing, contained in the same, for the better maintenaunce of tillage, and encrease of corne to be had, accordynge to the true meanyng of this acte.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that the said commissioners, or two of them at the least, shal haue aucthorite and power to directe theyr precepte to the Shieriefe of the countie, being within the limites of their commission, to warne such, & as many honest men of hys Bailwicke as is aforesaid, by whome the truth may best be knowen, to enquire, and true presentment make, of al and euery the premisses, and to set suche reasonable fynes, pñues, and amerçiamentes, vpon suche persones, as shal make default of their apparances, or makynge their apparances, shal neglecte to do their duties, in, and about the executiō of the premisses, as to the same commissioners, or fowre of them, shalbe by theyr discretions thought mete, and conueniēt, so that the same fyne or amerçiament, for any one defaulte exceede not the somme of. x. s. And that the same fynes, pñues, and amerçiamentes, so by them taxed, and sette, shalbe verely, wel and truly streated into the laid courte of the schequier, & there to be leuyed to the kynges ble, as other fynes, and amerçiamentes haue bene there accustomed and vsed to be leuyed.

Provided alwaies, and be it enacted by thauuthoritie aforesaid, that the putting of any landes, or tenementes hereafter, from pasture to tillage, accordyng to the forme and effecte of this Acte, shal not in any wyse extende, to be any cause of breach or forfeiture of any bōde, covenant, paiment, or cōdition, made, or hereafter to be made, betwene any person or persons, whiche in any wyse is, or shalbe repugnaunt or contrariant to this Acte.

Provided alwaies, and it is enacted by thauuthoritie aforesaid, that this Acte, ne any thing therein contained, shal not in any wyse extende to any lande, cōuerted, or to be cōuerted into pasture, that shalbe kept without fraude, or couine, onely for the maintenaunce of the houses & hospitalitie of any person or persons, nor to any lande that commōly or vsually, hath lien to pasture, by the space of. xl. yeres last past, nor to

any wast groundes, or heithes, nor to any common downes, fennes, moores, or marishes, which have not bene commonly & usually, for the most parte sown, or put in tillage, within .xl. yerres last past, nor to any lande now being laboursome warre, or now bled & kept for conies, nor to any grounde stubbed, or wonne from wood, bushes, brome, or fyres, into the kynde of pasture, nor to any lande now enclosed in any parke, commonly bled with dere, & that without fraude, or couine, hath bene bled for any parke, within .iii. yerres last before this present Session of the Parliamēt, nor to any salt marches, nor to any marches that commonly within .x. yerres hath bene ones surrounded, or overlomen with wasser, nor to any grounde enclosed by the lence of our Soueraigne Lord the kynge, or any of hys noble progenitours, nor to any orcharde, garden, poole, or ponde parde, nor to any medowe grounde yerely mowen, or to be mowen for haye, nor to any lande set or to be set with saffron, or with hoppelles, nor to any lande sown, or to be sown with hempe, flaxe, woode, or madder, nor to any lande without fraude, or couine, sown, or to be sown with cornes, or set or to be set with wood, during such times as the same shalbe bled, or put to the uses and ententes before specified.

Provided also, and it be further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that this Acte, nor any thing therein contained, shal in any wise extend, or be prejudicial, or hurtful to any person, or persones, which at any time heretofore hath converted, or at any time, or times hereafter shal convert any arable lande to pasture, in any parochie, towne, village, hammelet, or other place, or places, of this realme, for the which such person, or persons, have already, or within one yere after the feast of Easter next coming, or within one yere next after any such enquisicio hereafter to be founde, after such converting of arable grounde into pasture, hath, or shal turne, or convert to tillage and arable grounde, as much pasture grounde or lease, within the same parochie, towne, village, or hammelet, or within any of them, where any such land so hath bene, or hereafter shalbe converted from tillage to pasture, & do suffer the same lande, so turned from pasture to tillage, so to continue in tillage, and be arable, without turning the same to pasture againe, so longe as the landes turned to pasture as aforesaid, shalbe bled in pasture. Any thing in this present Acte contained to the contrary hereof, in any wise notwithstanding.

And it is further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that aswell all commissioners, Justices of Assise, Justices of Oyer & Determiner, as Justices of peace in their Sessions, and none other, shal have full power and auctoritie, to enquire of the premises, & shal certify all presentmentes that shalbe had before them, into the Court of chancery, and from thence to be treated in convenient tyme, into the kynges court of theschequer, and that the partie grieved, if he wil, may have
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and sende his trauesse, according to the lawes of this Realme, in the same court, whether the said landes, or tenementes so fofiden by any suche enquiry, be holden of the kyng immediately, or not.

Provided also, and be it enacted by thauthoritie aforesaid, p̄ thys acte, nor any thing therein conteined, shall or may in any wise extende, to geve any aucthoritie to any shireffe vnder shiereffe, or any their officer, baille, or minister, to enforce, breake or entre, into any lyberty or libertie, for the execution of any p̄cept, or other processe, which shall be hereafter to hym, or them awarded by aucthoritie and vertue of this acte, other wyse then he, or they myghte have done before the making of the same. Any thing herein conteyned to the contrary in any wyse, not withstanding.

Provided also, and be it further enacted by thauthoritie aforesaid that if any persons or person offendynge this acte, be at any tyme here after impeched, or sued by force of this acte, for any offence, or offences committed, or done, or to be committed, or done, contrary to this acte that the the partie offending so sued, shall not be impeched by the king our soueraigne lord, or by any other, for the same offence, by vertue of any law, acte, or actes, statute, or statutes, heretofore had or made, for the reformation of any the articles, or braunches, conteined in thys acte. Any thing in this acte, or any other actes or actes, had or made, to the contrary in any wyse notwithstanding.

Provided also, and be it further enacted by thauthoritie aforesaid that this acte, nor any thing therein conteined, shall not extend to charge any persone, or persones, with any penaltie, or forfeiture, for or concerning any offence done, or to be done, contrary to the tenour of this acte, onles he or they so offending, be sued, or impeched for the same, within.iii. yerres next after the same offence be founde by enquiry, as is aforesaid. This acte to endure for tenne yerres, and from thence vnto the ende of the next parliament.

The. vi. Chapter.

**An acte for the true making of wollen
Clothe.**



Where heretofore diuerse and many goodly statutes haue ben made for the true making of clothe within this realme: Which neuerthelesse, forasmuch as clothiers, some for lacke of knowlege & experience, and some of extreme couetousnes, do daily more and more, study rather to make many then to make good clothes, hauing more respect to their priuate commoditie and gayne, then the aduancement of truth, & continuance of the commoditie in estimation, according to the worthines thereof, haue, and do daily, in stede of

in the practise falshod, and in steade of substantial making of clothe,
do practise sleight and slender making, some by mynglyng of yarnes
of diuers spinninges in one cloth, some by mingling felle wolle, and
lambes wolle, or either of them with fiece wolle, some by putting to
litle stuffe, some by taking them out of the mille, befoze they be ful thic-
ked, some by ouerstretching them vpon the tentour, and then stopping
with flockes, such brackes as shalbe made by meanes therof, finally
by vsyng so many subtile sleighthes, & vnttruthes, as when the clothes
so made, be put in the water to trie them, they rise out of the same nei-
ther in length, nor breadth, as they ought to do, and in some place nar-
rower then some, helpe such cocklyng bandynge, and diuers other
great and notable faultes, as almost cannot be thought to be true. And
yet neuerthelesse, nether fearing the Lawes in that case prouided, nor
regarding the estimation of their countrie, do not onely procure the
alneagour, to seite the kynges seale to suche false, vnttrue, and faulty
clothe, but do them selues weaue into the same, the likenes & simili-
tude of the kynges highnes most noble and imperial Crowne, & also
the first letter of his name, which should be testimonies of truth, and
not a defece of vnttruth, to the great flaunders of the king our soueraigne
Lorde, and the shame of this Lande, and to the vtter destruction of so
great and notable commoditie, as the like is not in any fozeine natio.
Our said soueraigne Lorde the kyng therfoze, minding to aduance
al truthe, & to abandonne falsehodde, and also to prouide for the con-
tinuance of the said commoditie of clothe making, to his honour, and
the comune profite of the realme, hath by the aduise of the lordes and
commōs in this present Parliament assembled, caused aswel diuers
honeste Clothiers, as also diuerse Drapers, Macthaunte Tailours,
Clothe workers, Sheremē, and other Artificers, to whom it apper-
teineth, to be examined by certein wise, discrete, & sage knightes and
burgesses of this present Parliamēt, of such matters as touch aswel
the false, as the true making of clothes, by whose declaration consent
agrement and aduise, after diuers & sondry meetings & great delibe-
rate aduise taken in the premisses, by auctoritie of this present parla-
mēt, it is enacted as hereafter foloweth, to remaine, firme & perfect,
notwithstādig any suggestiōs herafter to be made by any clothier, or
clothmaker to the cōtrary, as they haue in like cases heretofore done:
That is to say, that euery clothe, carsey, piece of frise, and cotton shal
be made in suche sorte and fourme, & shal containe in length, bredth,
and wright, as is herein herafter particularly mēcioned, vnder such pai-
nes, penalties, & forfeitures, as be hereafter expessed and appointed.
First that all, and euery brode Clothe, and clothes, whiche shalbe
made after the said feast of S. Michael Tharchaungel next cōming
within the Shieres of kente and Sussex, or at the towne of Reding,
or anye of them, or elles where of lyke makynge, as the Clothes
made

made there shalbe of, shal cōteine in lēgth at the water, euery pece being through wet, betwixt. xxviii. & xxx. yardes of mesure that is now customably v̄sed, & in bredth. vii. quarters at ȳ least within the listes, by the whole length of the same cloth, the listes of the same clothes to be of lyke making and assise, as they haue here before tyme bene v̄sed to be made, and ȳ euery piece of ȳ said clothes being wel scoured, thicked, milled, & fully d̄ried, shalbe in weight, & weighe. xx. l. at the least.

And that al & euery white cloth, & clothes, which shalbe made within the city of Worcester, cōmenly called long worcestres, & al like clothes of lyke makynge, made within the city of couentre, or els where, after the said feast shal cōteine in lēgth being wet as is aforesayd, betwixt. xxix. & xxxi. yardes the piece, & to euery yard. i. inche of the standarde, & shalbe of the bredth aboue specified, throughout & by all the lēgth of ȳ whole cloth, & listed as hath bene accustomed, & being well scoured thicked milled, and fully d̄ried, shal weighe. iiii. scoze. iiii. l. the piece at the least. And that al coloured clothes made in ȳ said cities of Couentre and Worcester, or els where of lyke makynge, after the said feast shal conteine and be of lyke lēgth, and breadthe as is last before mencioned, and be listed, as is aforesayd, and beyng welle scoured, thicked, and fully d̄ried shal weighe. iiii. scoze. l. the piece at the leaste.

And that al & euery white clothe, & clothes commonly called shorte worcestres, which shalbe made within the said citie or countie, or els where of the same sorte, after the said feast, shal cōteine in lēgth, being wet, betwixt. xxiii. & xxv. yardes, yarde, & inche of the rule, & shalbe of the bredth as is aforesaid, throughout, and by al the whole clothe and listed according to thauncient custome, and beyng well scoured, thicked, and fully d̄ried shal weighe. iiii. scoze. l. the piece at the least.

And that al coloured long clothes, which after the said feast, shalbe made within the shieres of Suffolke, Norfolke, & Essex, or any of the or els where of lyke sorte, shal conteine in lēgth, wette, as is aforesayd betwixt. xxviii. & xxx. yardes, yarde and inche of the rule and shalbe in bredth. vii. quarters of the yard within the listes at the least, throughout and by al the whole clothe, & listed as hath bene accustomed, and beyng well scoured, thicked, milled, & fully d̄ried shal weighe. iiii. scoze. l. the piece at the least. And that al and euery shorte cloth, and clothes coloured, which after the said feast shalbe made within ȳ said shieres, laste remembred, or any of them, or els where of lyke sorte, shal cōtein wette as is aforesayd betwixt. xxiii. & xxv. yardes, yard, & inche of the rule, and shalbe in bredth, as last is remembred throughout, & by the whole cloth, & listed as is aforesaid, & being fully scoured thicked, milled, and fully d̄ried, shall weighe. iiii. scoze. iiii. l. the piece at the leaste.

And ȳ al & euery coloured cloth & clothes, which after the said feast shalbe made within the said shieres last remembred, or els where of lyke sortes, commonly called handy warpes, of what lēgth they shal happē to be, shalbe in bredth out of the water, throughout & by al the whole
B. iii. clothe

cloth, as is last remembred, & listed, as they haue ben accustomed, & being wel scoured, thicked milled, and fully dried, euery yard of euery such cloth, shal weigh.iii.li.at y least. And that al whites, which after the said feast shalbe made in the sayd shyres, oz els where, as cockfall whites, glainfzodes, & other, beyng hadwarpes, of what legthes so euer thei shalbe, shal cōtein in bredth as is afoze remēbzed, & be listed as is afozesaid, & being wel scoured, thicked, milled, & fully dried shal weigh by y yard.iii.li.at y least, of such mesure as hath bē before vled

And that all whites & redδες, which after y said feast shalbe made in the shires oz cōties of wilteshyre, Glocestre, & Somerset, oz any of them, oz els where of like making, & al other whites, which shalbe made in any other partes of y realme, & not afoze remēbzed, shal conteyn in length, beyng throught wet, betwixt.xxvi. & xxviii. yardes, & shalbe.vii.quarters of y yard in bredth within y listes at the least, & listed accordig to y ancient custom, & being wel scoured thyched milled & fully dried, shal weigh euery pece.lxxiii.li.being white, & .iii.scoze being coloured at y least. And that al brode plūkets, azures, blewes, & other coloured cloth, which after the said feast shalbe made within the said shires of wilteshyre, glocester, oz somerset, oz els where of like makynge, shal cōtein being wette as is afozesaid, betwixt.xxv. & xxviii. yardes, yard & ynche of the rule, & shalbe.vii.quarters of a yard within y listes at y least, & listed accordyng to y ancient custome, & beyng wel scoured, thicked, milled, & fully dried, shal wey.iiii.scoze. viii.li. y piece at the least. And that al carleis called Ozdemaris, shal cōtein in legth betwixt.xvii. & xviii.yardes, yard & ynche as is afozesaid, & beig wel scoured, thicked, milled, dzessed, & fully dried, shal weie.xx.li.at y lef. And al carleis, called sorting carleis, which after y said feast shalbe made in any part of this y kyngs maiesties realm of Englād shal cōteyn in length at the water, betwixt.xvii. & xviii.yardes, yard, and ynche as is afozesaid, & beyng well scoured, thicked, milled, dzessed, & fully dried, redy to be shewod, shal weigh. xxiii.li. y piece at the least.

And that al Deuonshire carleis called douseins, which shalbe made after y said feast, shal cōtein in legth at the water, betwene.xii. & xiii. yardes, yard & ynch of the rule, and being wel scoured, thicked, milled & fully dried, shal weigh.xiiij.li.the pece at y lef. And that al & euery brode cloth & clothes, called Tauntō clothes, brydgewaters, & other clothes, whiche shalbe made after y said feast in Tauntō, Brydgewater, oz other places of like sozt, shal conteine at the water in lengthe betwixt.xii. & xiii.yardes, yard, & ynche of the rule, & in bredth. vii. quarters of a yard, & euery narrow cloth made after the said feaste in the said tounes, oz els where of like soztes, shal cōteyn in the water in length, betwixt.xviii. & xxv. yardes, yard & ynch, as is afozesaid, & in bredth.i.yard of like mesure, & euery suche cloth, bothe brode & narrow, beig wel scoured, thicked, milled, & fully dried shal weigh xxviii.li.the pece at y least. And that al clothes, named checke carley & strat
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tes, which shalbe made after the said feast, shal contein being wet, betwixt. xviij. & xliij. yardes, with the inches as is aforesaid, & in bredth one yarde at the least at the water, and being wel scoured, thicked, milled, and fully dried, shal wey. xliij. l. ponde the piece at the leaste.

And that al and euery walthe cotton & cottons, which after the said feast shalbe made, & wrought ready to be solde, for a whole piece shal not be stretched on the tētour, nor otherwise aboue a naile of a yarde in bredth, & shalbe in length. xliij. goades in the water at the most, & in bredth. iij. quarters of a yarde at the water at the least, & beyng so fully wrought, euery whole piece therof shal weighe. xliij. l. at the leaste, and euery halfe piece of walthe cotton beyng ful wrought as is aforesaid, shal conteine in length weight and bredth, after the same rate.

And that all walthe frysles, whiche after the feast aforesayde, shalbe made & wrought within the shieres of Cardigan, Carmarthen, & pembroke, or any of them, or els where of lyke making, redy to be sold for a whole piece, shal conteine in length at the water. xliij. yardes at the most, yarde, & ynche of the rule, & in bredth. iij. quarters of a yarde, and beyng so fully wrought, shal weighe euery whole piece. xliij. l. at the least, & euery halfe piece of walthe frises beyng fully wrought, as aforesaid shal conteine in length, bredth, & weight after the same rate.

And þat al & euery Northerne clothes, which after the said feast shal be made, shal conteine betwene. xliij. & xlv. yardes in length, yarde, & ynche of the rule, and in bredth being through wet. viij. quarters of a yarde within the listes at the least, & being wel scoured, thicked, milled & fully dried shal weigh. xliij. l. the piece at the least, and euery haulfe piece called douleines, made after the said feast, shal conteine in length betwixt. xliij. & xliij. yardes of measure aforesaid, and. viij. quarters of a yarde in bredth, as aforesaid, within the listes, & being wel scoured, thicked, milled, and fully dried, shal weigh. xliij. l. at the least.

And that al cloth commonly called pennystones, or forest whytes, which shalbe made after the feast aforesaid, shal conteine in length beyng wet, betwixt. xliij. & xliij. yardes, yarde, & ynche as aforesayd, and in bredth. vi. quarters, & a halfe quarter out of the water at the least, & being wel scoured, thicked, milled, & fully dried shal weigh. xliij. l. the piece at the least. And that al & euery cottons called Shæcheester, Lancaster shiere, & Cheshire cottons, which shalbe made after the said feast ful wrought to the sale, shalbe in length. xliij. goades, & conteyne in bredth. iij. quarters of a yarde in the water, & shal weigh. xliij. l. the piece at the least. And that al clothes called Shæcheester rugges, otherwise named Shæcheester frises, which shalbe made after þe said feast, & fully wrought to sale shal conteine in length. xliij. yardes, & in bredth iij. quar. of a yarde, coming out of þe water, & shal not be stretched on the tentour, or otherwyle aboue a naile of a yarde in bredth, and being so fully wrought, & wel dried, shal weigh euery piece. xliij. l. at þe least.

And be it further enacted that al and euery person & persons, which
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after the said feast of S. Michael Tharchaungel next comming that make or cause to be made any of the several kindes of bzoode clothes above rehersed, of any shorter, or longer measure, the is above specified & appointed for every countrie or several kind of clothes to be made, or make any such cloth or clothes of lesse bzeadth, or weight, beig wel skowzed, thicked, milled, & fully dzed, then as is above specified, & appointed for every several countrie, or kindes of clothes, & shal put the same to sale shal forfeit & lose for every suche default of every clothe solde, or offred to be sold, in length or bzeadth, xl. s. & for every pounce weight, ix hich any clothe so made, and solde, or offred to be solde, shal lacke, exceding not above. iiii. l. in weight shal also forfeit. ii. s. for every pounce, the same forfeiture to go to the finder therof. And that if any suche cloth lacke above. iiii. l. weight of the severall weyghtes above mencioned, that every owner therof shal then forfeit. xl. s. for every suche clothe, so lackyng of his weighte, as is aforesaid.

Provyded alwaies, that yf any bzoode clothe shal excede the several length before appoynted for every countrie, or kynde of makynge, by meanes of the finesse or the good perfecte, and stuffe makynge of the same clothe, that then the maker therof shal not encurre any losse, or penaltie for the overlength of any such fyne clothe. Any thing herein to the contrary in any wyse, notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted that al & every person or persons, which after the said feast shal make or cause to be made any of the several kindes of carseis, narrow clothes, streightes, douleines, fryses or cottons above mencioned, which shal not be made in such maner & fourme as is above said, nor contayne & have in length, bzedth, & weight severally appointed, & limited as is above specified, shal lose & forfeite for every piece of cloth called streight or doulein, & for every piece of narrow cloth carsey, frise, or cotton so to be made & sold, or offred to be solde. xx. s.

And be it further enacted that fro & after the said feast, no person, or persons shal put any heate flockes, or any yarne made of labes wool, in to any cloth, carsey, frise, or cottō, so made & sold or offred to be sold, bpō paine to forfeit every such cloth, carsey, frises & cottō, wherin any such yarne, heer or flockes shalbe put, or y value of such cloth, carseis or frise

And be it further enacted, that if at any time after the said feast, any clothe thzough the default or negligence of the carders, spinners, or weauers, or any of them shal, or do proue either pursey, boudy, squally by warpe, or wause, or els shal happen to be evil burled or wasted in the mill, or els thzough the default or negligence of the mil man or otherwyse to be ful of holes, mille bzaakes, or to be holy, that the y scale of the alnegour shal not be fixed, or set to any such cloth any lawe, statute, or blage to the contrary in any wyse, notwithstanding, but the accustomed fees, & allowaunces of the alnegour shal neuertheles be paid, bpō paine of forfeiture of suche whole cloth, or the value therof. And be it further enacted that if any clothier or clothemaker do after the sayd

the said feast, put any clothe or carsey to sale befoze he shal haue payed to the alnegour or his deputy, the accustomable fet, or agre for the same, as he the or they, hauz bene accustomed, shall lose and forfeite for euery default. *xx. s.*

And be further enacted, that no person or persons, English, Dentsen, alien, or straunger, shal after the said feast cary or transpote, or cause to be caryed or transpoted, into any of the partes beyonde the sea, any clothe, carsey, frise, or cotton of the several sortes abounercypated, vntles the kynges seale, or alnegours seale of this Realme, & the Seale of the owner, or maker of the cloth (Declaring therein the length of the clothe as it shalbe in the water) be set vpon euery suche clothe, vpon paine to forfeit euery suche clothe lackynge the same seales, or any of them, or the value thereof.

And be it further enacted by thauthozity aforesaid, that no draper, marchaunt tailour, clothworker, or other persō, which shal retaille any of the clothes, or carseis, frises, rugges, or cottons, of the several makinges aforesaid, shal after the said feast put to sale any of the clothes afozementioned, wherunto the alnegour shal haue set to the kynges seale, & p owner his seale, til such time, as he or they haue made trial, aswel by the water, as by the weight, & measure, whether thei, & euery of them shalbe made accoording to the purpozt & true meaning of this acte or no. And if any persone or persones shal finde any defectiue or faulty cloth in length, waight, or measure, made cōtrary to thozdras aforesaid, y the he or thei shal present euery such clothe to eueri Shaloz Balife, or other hed officer, or hed officers of euery citie, Bozough, or towne corpozate, or to two Justices of peace next adioynning out of a citie, Bozough, or towne corpozate, wher such cloth shalbe found faultie as is aforesaid, to thent et the same cloth may be cut into. *iii.* equal partes & pieces. The one piece thereof to be forfeited to our soueraigne lord the kyng, an other piece to be to p presenter thereof, & the *iii.* part residue, to such person or persons, as it shal then be presented to, vpon paine that euery such person, as shal not so letche euery of the clothes carseis, cottōs, or frises afozaid, so by him to be bought & sold, & shal not seile, & pset such cloth or clothes as he or they shal find defectiue as is aforesaid, shal forfeit & lose the double value of euery such cloth.

And be it further enacted that euery clothier, or other persone what soeuer, which so shal sel any suche faultie carsey, cottō or frise, wherevnto the alnegour, & the owner shal haue set to their Seales, & shal so be sealed, as is aforesaid, shall within. *xiii.* daies nexte after requeste made by writing, message or otherwoyle, by such person, which shal so buy such cloth, make paymēt of such semmes of money as he receyued for the same, or shal otherwise satisfy, discharge, & acquite him for so much money as he shal, or should haue receyued for the same, vpon paine of forfeiture to the patty greued for euery non paymēt, or not acquital as is aforesaid, the double value of the money so receiued, or

to be receyued, the same to be recovered by byl plaint, action of debte, or other wyse, in any of the kynges Maiesties courtes of record, where in no esoyne, protectiō, or wager of lawe shalbe admitted, or allowed.

And for the further auoidyng of muche vntrewth practised by stretching of clothes, be it enacted, that no persone, or persons, shall after the said feast, strain, or stretch, or cause to be strained, or stretched any clothe aboue one yarde in length, and one half quarter in breadth, vpon paine to forfeite for every suche default, v. l.

And be it further enacted, that no person, whiche shall after the said feast kepe, haue, vse, or occupie any tentour, shall haue, vse, or occupie any wynde, rope, or ring, with the same tētour, or shall vse any other engine vnlawfully to straine or stretch any clothe or clothes, vpon paine that every offendour that shall vse or occupie any tentour, or other engine to the contrary, shall forfeit. x. l.

And be it also enacted by lyke auctoritie, that if any marchaunt shall by any meanes transport or cary ouer into the partes beyond the sea, any cloth, carsey, fryse, or cotton, which shall be found defectiue, or faulty, either in length, breadthe, or weight, or els shall haue any of the faultes aforesaid, that then the marchaunt, or other person, which shall so transport the same, shall retourne againe the same clothe, so found defectiue, into England, at the costes & charges of the clothier, or cloth maker, that solde the same clothe, the same costes & thinges to be recovered against suche clothmaker or clothier, by actiō of debt, byl, plaint, or enforzation in any of the kynges courtes, any promise, or bargain to the contrary notwithstanding: vpon paine that every marchaunt, or other person, which shall not so retourne such faulty or defectiue clothe, (if though misfortune by tēpest, pirates, or enemies he be not letted) shall forfeit & lose the value of the clothe so shipped, & transported, & not returned as is aforesaid. The one moitie thereof to the king, and the other moitie to him, who wil sue for the same by action of debt, byl, plaint, or enforzation, in whiche actions no esoyne, protection, nor wager of lawe shalbe admittēd for the defendaunt.

And to the intent that it maye perfectly be knowen, whiche clothes are perfectly dyessed, died, and pressed with the colde presse, without fraude, couine, and deceipt, aswel within the cytye of London, as els where, and haue sufficient workemanshype.

Be it further enacted, that aswel the Mayour of the cite of London and Aldermen, or the most parte of theym, for the tyme beyng, as all and every other Mayour, Bailiffe, and other head officer or officers of every cite, borough, or toun corporate, within this realme, shall haue full power & auctoritie, by vertue of this acte, to nominate, depute, and appoynte from tyme to tyme, as occasion shall serue, and shall so from tyme to tyme, nominate, depute, and appoint two, or mo honest discrete and expert persons, which shall from tyme to tyme, vpon their othes, vieu and serche, al and every cloth & clothes, that shall be dyessed

sed, died, or pressed with y^e cold presse, within every such city, borough, towne corporate, or port towne, & viewe & searche whether the same clothe, or clothes be wel & sufficient y^e dressed, & pressed with the colde presse, without putting thereto flockes, sollace, chaiken, flower, or any other deceptiue thing, & also whether the same shalbe wel & substantially dyed with good & perfect colours without any dectueable thynge, or whether it shalbe stretchyd, or strained any more the is aboue specified: & shal haue full power & aucthority by vertue of this act to enter into al & euery persons house or houses, wher thei shal thinke mete, to searche, & to seise al, & euery such cloth & clothes as thei shal finde defective in the premises, as forfeited, in whose handes soeuer thei shalbe founde. The moietie of which forfeiture shalbe to the vse of our Soveraigne lord the king, & the other moietie to the vse of the Maiour, & comunalty of y^e city of Londō, or to y^e vse of every city, borough, towne corporate, port towne, or market towne, where the same shalbe seised.

And be it further enacted that every person, or persons, in whose handes, or possession such defective or faulty clothe, either by euyl, or dectueable dyeng, dressing, or pressing, as is aforesaid, shalbe founde, & seyled as is aforesaid, shal haue his, her, or their remedy by Action of Debte, Bille, Plainte, enformacio, or other wyse in any of the kynges Maiesties courtes of record, wherin no essoine, protection or wager of lawe shalbe admitted, or allowed for the defendaut, against al, & euery such person, or persons, by whose defaultes, or negligence such clothe shal so be founde faultie, & shal therby recouer al suche costes, losses, and damages as he shal susteine by occasion therof.

And be it further enacted by the same aucthoritie, that aswel the said Maiour of the citie of Londō, as every other Maiour, bailife, porterieue, or other head officer of every city, borough, towne corporate, or port towne, shal on thisside y^e said feast, cause to be prepared a seale of leade, wherin aswel the armes, as y^e name of every such city, borough, town corporate, or port towne, shalbe graued, which y^e same searchers shal cause to be fixed to every cloth y^e they shal fynde after the said feast wel & sufficiētly dressed, died & pressed with the cold presse without any of y^e deceptes aforesaid, & shal haue for their paines & trauayles therein to be takē, by y^e owner therof for the sealing of every cloth. ii. s.

And be it further enacted y^e if any searcher or searchers so to be appointed, do after y^e said feast fynd any of the clothes being coloured, or died, so made after y^e said feast, ether, cockly, curly, bondy, squally, or rowe, or euil burled, or wasted in y^e mille, or full of holes, or breakes, y^e the y^e same searcher or searchers shal besides y^e seale of y^e city, borough, or towne corporate, where y^e same cloth shalbe found, put another seale of lead at every end of y^e said cloth, wherin shalbe graued y^e lettre f. & shal also set a marke in y^e list, right aginst such place wher any of y^e faultes aforesaid shalbe, with y^e printe of a letter, or marke of an inch & cōpasse at the

at the left, wherby every buyer may wel know what, & wher p fault is.
And be it further enacted that yf any of the searchers aforesaid shal
set the seale of any citie, borough, towne corporate, or port tounne, to
any coloured clothe, which shal not be sufficiently dresled, died, pressed
& wrought as is aforesaid, that then the Maiour & communalty, or bai-
liffes, or communalty, or other incorporation of the towne shippe by what
soever name, or names thei shalbe incorporated wher suche cloth shal
so be sealed, shal forfeite & lose the whole value of the cloth so sealed.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that if any of
the searchers aforesaid, after the said feast do set to the seale of the city
borough, or towne corporate within the limites of their search, to any
clothe which shalbe cockely, pursey, baudy, squally, rewie, euil buried,
wasted in the mille, or ful of holes as is aforesaid, and not set at every
ende of the said clothes one seale with the letter J. as is aforesaid, & al-
so declare by the listes as is aforesaid, what, and where the faultes of
the clothe be: that then the Maiour & communalty, or other the cor-
poracion of every such borough, citie, or towne corporate, wher suche
searcher shalbe appointed, shal forfeit and lose for every such omis-
sion, or not setting to of any suche seale as is aforesaid. v. l.

And be it further enacted that no persō, or persons, whatsoeuer they
be, which communely vse to retaille clothe, or carsey, shal put to sale in
grosse, or by retaille to any maner of person, any maner of cloth which
shalbe made after the said feast, beig dresled, died, & pressed as is aforesaid,
except there be fixed therunto, at every ende of the same cloth, the
seale of suche citie, borough, or towne corporate, wher the same cloth
shalbe so died, dresled, & pressed, or the seuerall seale of every such citie
borough, or towne corporate, where it shalbe died, dresled, or pressed,
to remain at the last ende of every of the said cloth, which shalbe solde
during, & by al the tyme, that any piece or remaunt of suche cloth is to
be solde, vpon paine of forfeiture the whole value of suche whole cloth.

And be it further enacted, that every Maiour, Bailiff, or other head
officer of any Citie, Borough, or towne corporate, in which any such
cloth, or clothes after the said feast shalbe made, died, dresled, or pressed
with the calde presse as is aforesaid, which doth not, or shal not after
the said feast of S. Michael nominate & appoint from time to time so
many searchers as shalbe requisite, to viewe and searche clothes vpon
their othes as is aforesaid, shal lose, & forfeite for every default. x. l.

And be it further enacted that if any of the said searchers so to be ap-
pointed by the Maiour being a fre mā of the said citie, or by the Mai-
our, Bailiff, or other head officer of any Citie, Borough, or towne cor-
porate as is aforesaid, hauing no reasonable excuse, do refuse to take
vpon hym to be a searcher, and do not vse the office of a searcher, as is
aforesaid, shal forfeite and lose for every suche refusal, and not exe-
cuting of his office so to hym appointed. v. l. The one haulfe thereof to
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be to the king our souereigne lord, and the other haulfe to thuse of the communalty of every cite, bozough or towne corporate, wher he shal so be assigned, and to remaine in warde til such tyme as he hath made payment of the said forfeiture, or other wyse put in sufficient bondes for the satisfaction of the same. And forasmuch as ther be now in this time many false and deceivable colours made in diuers places of this realme, whereby many of the kynges louing subiectes are deceived:

Be it enacted that from, and after the said feast of saint michael Tharchaungel next commyng, no person or persons, shal put to sale by retale within this realme, any cloth or clothes, which shalbe made after the said feast of any other coloure or colours, then is hereafter expressed. That is to say, scarlet, red, crimosin, murrey, violette, puke, bzoune blew, blackes, grenes, yellows, blewes, orenge tawny, russet, marble, grate, sad new coloure, Azure, watchet, Shepes colour, lion colour, mottle, or yron gray, vpon payne that every person offending to the contrary, shal lose and forseyte the value of the clothe solde by retale, which shalbe of any other colour.

And be it further enacted, that no person or persons, after the sayde feast of S. Michael tharchaungel, shal presse any kynde of cloth with the hote presse, or in any other kynde of deceivable maner, but onely with the colde presse, as is aboue specified, vpon paine of forfeiture of the whole clothe so pressed contrary to the meaning of this statute, or the value thereof.

And be it further enacted, that yf any person or persons, but suche as are appointed, assigned, and permitted by this acte, do at any time after the said feast counterfeit, set to or take away, fro any of the clothes, carseles, frises, rugges, or cottos aforesaid, any of the seales so to be fixed, as is aboue recyted, that then every person so offendynge, shal for the fyrst offence (being therof duly convicted, by verdict of xii. men by two sufficient witnesses, or by confession of the party) forseyt and lose. p. l. And for the seconde offence (being likewise therof convicted) shal sit on the pillour, and lose and forseyt to our souereigne lord the king, al such his goodes and cattalles (his debtes being duly and truly payde, wythoute fraude or couine) as he had or shall haue at the time of his conuiction.

And be it further enacted, that yf betwene the .i. day of Maye nexte commyng, and the feast of saint Michael Tharchaungel, then nexte commyng, any person or persons, whiche now dothe vse the arte or mystery of draping or clothe making, shal geue ouer draping, or cloth makynge, except he be licenced so to do by thre Justices of peace, at the least of the cite, county, bozough or towne corporate, where he dwelleth, vpon some resonable cause shewed vnto the said Justices, shal neuer after take vpon him to make or cause to be made, anye kynde of cloth, or carsey, to sel the same again, vpon paine of forfeiture of euery

ry suche clothe or carsey that he shall so sell.

And be it further enacted, that al & every article, clause, or sentence in any acte of parliament therfore made, concerning making, dyeng, dresling, pressyng, serching or sealyng any of the kyndes of clothes, brode or narrowe, white or coloured carseies, frieses, rugges, or cottons, heretofore in this acte mencioned, and beyng repugnaunte, or contrariant to any article or sentence in this statute, shall fro the feast of S. Michel tharchaungel next, be vtterly boide, and of none effect. And to the entente that all suche clothes as shall be made wythin this realme, or any other the kinges dominions, after the said feast, shall be the better knownen from the other clothes made befoze the same time:

Be it therfore enacted by thauuthority aforesaid, that from after the said feast, the letter E. crowne d, shall not be wrought into the clothe, for, and by the space of .ii. yeres then next ensuyng, vpon paine of forfeiture of .xx. s. for euery cloth, or carsey, wherein the said letter E. shall so be wrought, the moietie of al which forfeiture, and of al other forfeitures befoze expessed, and not otherwise appointed by this present acte, shall be to the kyng our soueraine lord, and the other moietie to hym or them that wil sue for the same by action of debt, detinue, bil, plaint or enformation in any of the kinges courtes of Record, wherein no wager of lawe, esoyne, or protection, shall be admitted, nor allowed, for the defendaunt.

Provided also, and be it enacted by thauuthority abovesayde, that it shall not be lawfull to any person or persons, at anye tyme after the feast of S. Michel tharchaungel next comming, to boile or cause to be boyled anye kynde of wolles, to be conuerted into any kynde of brode clothe, or carsey, with any kynde of galles, ryndes, barkes of trees, or sawe dust, vpon paine to forfeite al suche wolles, or the value thereof to be recouered, and had, in such fourme and sozte, as in the foresayd acte is limited and expessed.

Provided alwayes that this Acte, or any thing therein conteyned shall not in any wyse extende to any cloth or clothes, made in þe towne of Tauestocke, in the countie of Deuonshyre, or els where within the said county, commonly called Tauestocke clothes, but that it shall be lawfull to all and euery inhabitauntes of the said towne, or makers of the said clothes, commonly called Tauestockes, to make and selle

the same, with the accustomed seale, as they haue heretofore bene accustomed, any thyng in this acte to the contrary in any wyse notwithstanding.

The

The. vii. Chapter.

An acte limiting the tymes for buyenge
and sellynge of wolles.

Inasmuch as the great plenty of wolles within this realme, ought by al reason to raise the same to be of convenient and reasonable prices, yet by the greedy and couetous mindes, aswel of such as haue the great plenty and aboundaunce of shepe, and wolles, as also by the corrupte practyses of diuers Broggers, Engrossers, woll gatherers, and Regratours, and sodry other persons, by the hauing to muche liberty of buyenge, keping, blyng, and occupieng of the same wolles, it manifestly appeareth; that the prices thereof be wonderfullye, and exceedingly enhaunsed and rayled to the greate hurt, detrtment, and decaye of the realme.

Be it therfore ordeined, established, and enacted by thauthozite of this present parliament, that no maner of person or persones, beyng bozne within the kinges obeisance, shal after the laste daye of May next, buye, bargaine, take, or make any promies, or bargaine of wolles, but onely suche person, or persons, his wyfe, or his, or theyr Apprentice, or apprentices, enhabiting in hys or their mansion house, or houses, as shall of the said wolles make yarne, any kind of cloth, chaubettes, wolsteade, Saies, Stamme, knitte hose, knytte Peticotes, knitte gloues, knitte shenes, hattes, coives, cappes, arrasse, tapissery, couerlettes, girdles, or any other thing vled to be made of wolle, or mixed with wolle, within the realme: or els a merchaunt or merchantes of The staple of Calleis, or his or their apprentice, or apprentices dwelling in his or their mansion house, or houses, to be shipped only to the staple at Calleis, vpon paine of forfeiture of the double value of the sayd wolles so to be bought, or bargained, or taken by promise of bargaine, contrary to this present acte.

And be it further enacted by thauthozitie aforesaid, that no merchaunt straunger, after the .xx. daye of Apryl next comynge, by hym selfe, or by any other person or persons for him, in his name, or to his vse, in any yere after the said .xx. day of Apryl then to come, shall bargain or buye any wolles, before the feast of the Purificatio of our lady next after the clipping or shearing of the same wolles vpon payne of forfeiture of the double value of the same wolles.

And be it further enacted by the authozitie aforesaid, that no maner of persone or persons, hauing any wolle or wolles, of hys or theyr owne groweth, shall at any tyme after the feast of the Nativite of saint Ihon Baptist next comynge, kepe the same wolles, to thynente

to selle the same in wolle, bntowought, ouer & aboue one whole yere next & immediatly after the shering of the same wolles: so as there be offced without fraude, or couine to thowner or owners therof, with- in the same time, such price as then shalbe moost commonly geuen in the same shiere, for wolle of lyke goodnes, and packynge, vpon payne of forfeiture for euery todde, or todde weight therof, so kepte aboue one yere vnsolde, as is aforesayde, the somme of. x. s. the moitye of all and euery suche forfeiture and forfeitures, penalty, or penalites be- fore reherfed, to be to thuse of our soueraigne Lord the king, his hey- res and successours, and thother halfe to the vse of hym that wyl sue for the same, in any of the kynges courtes of recozde by action of debt bylle, plainte, information, or otherwyle, wherein no wage of lawe, protection, or essoyne shalbe allowed for the defendaunte.

Prorided alwaies, that the Merchantes of Newe Castle, and o- ther persons, may buy wolles of the groweth of the countyes of Noz- thumberlande, Cumbzelande, Westmerlande, Richemounte, & Al- lerton shiere, or the bishopricke of Duresme, to the entent to shippe, or transpourt the same into the partes beyonde the sea, as they haue bene accustomed, any thyng in thys statute to the contrary, in any wyle notwithstandinge.

Prorided also, & be it enacted, that the Merchantes of the staple may from time to time, bargaine or sell their refuse course wolles, & lorques, suche as is not mete for the said staple, to any person, or per- sones, that wyl buy the same to make yarne or cloth, or other thinges as is abouesaid, within this realme, so as the same be shot and packed by the wolle packer, declaring of what packing, or country the refuse or lorques be, and wzyting vpon the clothes, wherein the sayde refuse wolle is packed in greate letters, as they do vpon the wolles that is shyped to Calais.

Prorided alwaies, and be it enacted by thauthozitye abouesayde, that it shal and may be laweful to the kyng our soueraigne Lord by his proclamation at any tyme hereafter to be made, and set furth, to repeale this statute, and al and euery article, clause, sentence, and o- ther thing, and thinges therin contained, and to make the same void to al ententes and purposes, as though this acte had neuer bene had or made, any thyng in this Statute to the contrarye, notwithstan- dyng.

Prorided alwaies, that the acte made at the first Session of thys parliament holden in the fyrste yere of the reigne of oure Soueraigne Lord the kyng, called and entytled the acte for the continuaunce of makynge of worsted yarne in Nozfolke, and euery article and clause therof, shal remayne and continue in ful force, vertue and strengthe. And that all persons inhabitynge, or that shal inhabite wythin the sayde countye of Nozfolke, or cite of Nozwyche, and euery of them, shall

shall and may buye, and selle wolles growing within the sayd Countie of Norfolk, according to the purpote, true effect, and plaine meaning of the said Acte, made in the sayde fyrst yere of the reigne of our sayde soueraigne Lord the kynge, any thing in this acte conteyned to the contrary therof, in any wyse notwithstanding.

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C An Acte limittynge what persons
shall weaue or make
broad wollen
clothe.



But it enacted by the assent of the Kynge's Maiessty, the Lordes spiritual and tempoꝛal, and the commons in this Parliament assembled, and by the aucthority of the same, that no person or persons within this realme of Englande, Wales, or other the Kinges dominiōs, after the feast of saint Michael the Archaungel next ensuyng, shall weaue, or make, or put to weauynge, or makynge, any maner of broad wollen clothes, to be solde, oneles that suche person, or persons, that shall so weaue or make, or put to weauynge, or makynge the sayde broad wollen clothe, or clothes, so to be made to be solde, haue bene an Apprentice to the occupacion of broad wolle cloth makynge, or clothes weauynge, or haue bene exercised and practysed in, and wyth broad clothe makynge, or clothe weauynge, by the space of seven yeaeres at the least befoꝛe the same person, or persons, shall so take vpon him or them, to make or weaue, or to put to weauynge, or makynge the sayde broad wollen clothes, vpon payne to foꝛfeite all, and euery suche clothe, and clothes, so wouen, or made, contrary to the fourme of this acte: the one halfe of whyche foꝛfeiture, shalbe to oure souereigne lord the Kynge, and the other halfe to hym or them that wyll, or shall sue foꝛ the same, by byll, plainte, action of debte, or enfoꝛmacion in any courte of recoꝛde, within this Realme of Englande, or Wales, in whiche action, sute, playnt, bil, or enfoꝛmacion, no essoyne, protection, or plea to the iurisdiction of the Courte, shal be allowed foꝛ the Defendaunt.

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The. ix. Chapter.

An acte that no man robbing any house, Bouthe, or Cente, shalbe admitted to the benefyte of hys Clergye.



Here at the Parliament holdē at westminster, by proroagation, in the. xxiii. yere of the reigne of the late king of famous memory, kynge Henrye the. viii. It was among other thinges, then and there enacted, establisshed, and ordeined, by authority of the same parliamēt, that no person nor persons, which after that tyme should happen to be founde guilty, after the lawes of this Realme, for any maner petye treason, or for any wilful murther of malice premedysed, or for robbing of any churches, chapelles, or other holye places, or for robbing of any person, or persons in their dwelling houses, or dwellynge places, the owner or dweller in the same house, hys wyfe, hys chyldren, or seruautes then beyng within, and put in feare, or dreade by the same, or for robbing of any person or persons, in or nere about the highe wayes, or for wilful burnynge of any dwelling houses, or barnes, wherein any grayne, or cozne, should happen to be, nor any person or persons, beyng founde gyltie of any abettement, procurement, mainteinyng, or concealyng of any, or to any suche petie Treason, murthers, or fellonies, should from thencefourth be admitted to the benefyte of his or their clergy, but vtterly to be excluded therof, and suffer death in such maner and fourme, as they should haue done for any the causes or offences abouesayd, yf they were no clerkes, suche as be within the holy orders, that is to say of the orders of Subdeacon, or aboue, alonely excepted, as by the same act amonges other thinges moze plainely appeareth, which acte was made to endure vntyl the laste daye of the next parliament, and after that at the session of the Parliament holden at westminster by proroagation, in the. xxxii. yere of the reigne of the sayde late kynge, the same acte with other actes, was made to cōtinue for euer. Sithen the making of whiche statute, it hath bene doubted, that yf suche robberies and fellonies, hath bene commytted and done in dwellynge houses, and dwellinge places, the owner or dweller in the same houses, his wyfe, his chyldren or seruautes, beyng then put in feare or dreade, by the same shal not lose the benefite of their clergy, if the offendours be therein founde guilty by the lawes of this realme, onles the same robbery, or felony be cōmitted and done in the very chāber, house or place, where the owner or dweller in the same house, his wyfe, chyldre or seruautes shal happen to be, or lye at the time of suche robbery and felony committed & done, and put in feare or dreade, although the owner & dweller in suche house and houses, his wyfe, his chyldren or seruautes, at the tyme

the time of suche robbery and felony committed, & done, were or laye in other places, within the precinct of the same dwelling houses, nigh vnto the house or place, where suche robbery, and felony shal happen to be done. Or yf it happē that the owner, or dweller within the same house where suche robbery, & felony shal happen to be done, his wyfe childzen, or seruantes to be a slepe, at the time of suche robbery, & felony committed & done, although the same robbery wer done in the chamber, or place, wher y owner or dweller in the same house, his wife, childzen or seruantes, then lay, the offendours beyng found gyltie thereof according to the lawes of the lande, should not lose the benefyte and aduantage of his clergy: And where also it hath bene in question, & doubted, that if suche robberies, and felonies happen to be comytted and done in any bouth or bouthes, tēt or tētes, in any faier or market, the owner of the same, his wife, childzē or seruantes happē to be within the same, at y time of the committing of such felonies, & put in feare and dreadd, the offendours therein beyng founde gyltye, after the lawes of this realme, should not lose the benefite of their clergy. For the true declaratiō & explanaciō of y same doubtes or questiōs before recyted:

Be it enacted, ordeined and established by the kyng our souereigne lord, the lordes spiritual and tempozall, and the comons in this present parliament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of the same, that if it happen any person or persons, to be founde gyltye, accordynge to the lawes of this realme, for robbing of any person, or persons, after the first day of May next ensuyng, in any part or parcel of theyr dwelling houses, or dwelling places, the owuer or dweller in the same house, or his wife, his childzen, or seruantes being then within the same house, or place, where it shal happen the same robbery, & felony to be committed & done, or in any other place within the precinct of the same house or dwelling place, that such offendours shal in no wyse be admitted to their Clergie, whether the owner or dweller in y same house, his wife or childzen, then, and there being, shalbe waking, or sleping. And that no person nor persons, whiche after the said first day of Maye, shall happen to be founde gyltye, after the lawes of this Realme, of, and for robbing any person or persons, in any bouth or tente, in anye fayre or market, the owner, his wife, his childzen or seruantes, or seruant then beyng within the same bouth or tente, shal not from henceforth be admitted to the benefyte or his or their Clergie, but utterly be excluded thereof, and suffre death, in suche maner and forme, as is before mencioned in the said acte, made in the said. xxij. yere of the reigne of the same late King for robberies, and felonies, committed & done, in dwelling houses, and dwelling places, the owner or dweller in the same, hys wyfe, childzen or seruantes, then beyng within the same, and put in feare & dreadd, without hauing any respect or consideration whether the owner or dweller in such Bouthes, and Tentres, his wife
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childre or seruautes being in the same Houses, or Tētes at the time of suche robberies and felonies, committed, shalbe sleeping or wakynge.

The .x. Chapter.

An acte to take away the benefite of the Clergie from suche as robbe in one shyre, and flye into another.



Here in the Parliament holden at westminster. upon prorogacion the .xv. day of January, in the .xxv. yere of the reigne of our late souereigne lord kynge Henry the eyght: It is recited that at the parlamente holden at westminster, in the .xxiii. yere of the reygne of the said late kynge, amongst other thinges it was ordeined, established and enacted, that no person, nor persons, which after that tyme should happen to be founde guilty after the lawes of this lande, of any maner of petie treason, or for any wilful murther of malice prepensed, or for robbing of any churches, chapelles, or other holy places, or for robbing of any person or persons, in their dwellinge houses, or dwellinge place, the owner or dweller in the same house, his wyfe, his children or seruautes then beyng within, and put in feare and drede by the same, or for robbing of any person, or persons, in or nere about the high way, or for wilful burning of any dwellinge houses, or barnes, wherein any graines of corne should happen to be, nor any person or persons, being founde guilty of any abbettement procurement, helping, maintainyng or concealing of, or to any such petie treason, murthers, or felonies should from thenceforth be admytted, to the benefyte of his, or their Clergie, but shoulde vtterly be excluded therof, and suffer death, in suche maner & forme, as they should haue done for any the causes or offences abovesaid, yf they were no clerkes, which acte extended, but onely where suche offendoure was convicted in suche countie or place, where such offence was so committed and done, and not where he or they, did such offence in one county, and were taken with the maner in another county. Wherefore it was considered, that forasmuche as diuers & many fellons, and robbers, that committe, and do diuers and many great heynous robberies, & burglaries in one shiere, and conuey the spoile and robbery into any other shiere, and there be taken, endicted, and arreigned offellonie, of felonious stealing of the same goodes, in the same other shiere, the where the same robberies, or burglaries, were done, and committed, and not of the same robbery nor burglary, for that it was not done, nor committed in the same shiere where they be so endicted, and arreigned, & that by reason thereof, such fellons, robbers, and burglars, had, and enjoyed the priuelege, and advantage of their clergie.

For redresse whereof it was enacted in the sayd Parliament holden in the sayde fyue and twenty yere of the said late kynge, that yf any person

persone or persones, after that tyme, after suche robberye or burglarye, by hym or them done in one Countie, should be endited of felonie for stealyng of any goodes or cattelles, in any other Countie within this Realme, and thereupon arreigned and founde guiltye, or stande mute of malice, or chalenge peremptorie aboue the nombze of twenty persons, or would not vpon his or their sayde arreignment directly aunswere to the same felonie, that then the same person, and persons, so arreigned, and founde guiltye, or standyng mute of malice, or chalenging peremptorie aboue the nombze of twenty persons, or that would not directly aunswere to the lawe, should lose and be put from the benefite of his or their clergie, in like maner and fourme, as they should haue bene, if they had bene endited, arreigned, and founde guilty in the same Countie where suche robberye, or burglarye, as is aforesaid, was done or committed, if it shuld appeare to the iustices befoze whome any such felos or robbers shuld be arreigned, by euidence geue befoze the or by examination, that the same felos & burglars should haue bene put fro the Clergie in case they had bene endited, arreigned, & found guilty in the same County, where y same robberyes or burglaries wer committed or done, as in the same Statute made in the said. xrv. yere amonge other thinges moze plainly appereth. And where in the parliament holden at Westminster, the fourth day of Nouember, in the fyrst yere of the reigne of our soueraine lord the kyng that now is:

It is ordeyned and enacted amonges other thinges, that no person or persons, that befoze that time had bene, or at any time after should be, in due forme of the lawes atteinted, or couicted of murther, of malice prepenesed, or of paysoning of malice prepenesed, or of breaking of any house, by daye or by nyght, any persone beyng then in the same house, where the same breaking had bene, or after that time should be comitted, being put in feare or dreade, or of, or for robbing of any person or persons in the high waye, or nere to the hyghe waye, or for felonious stealing of horses, geldiges, or mares, or of felonious takig of any goodes out of any paroch church, or other Churche, or Chappell, or beyng indicted or appealed of any of the same offences, & thereupon founde guiltye, by verdict of .xii. men, or should confesse the same vpon his or their arreignment, or would not aunswere directly, according to the lawes of this realme, or should stande wilfully, or of malice mute, should not be admitted to haue, or enioy the priuilege or benefyte of his or their clergie, or Sanctuary, but shoulde be put from the same. And that in al other cases of felonye, other then suche as be befoze mencioned, al and synguler person & persons, whiche after the first day of Marche then next follovyng, should be arreigned or found guilty vpon his or their arreignment, or should confesse the same, or stande mute in fourme aforesaid, or would not aunswere directly in fourme abouesayd, should haue and enioy the priuilege and benefyte of his

of his or their Clergie, and the libertie & privilege of Sanctuary, in like maner and forme, as he or they myght or shulde haue doone, before the .xxiiij. day of Aprill, in the first yere of the reigne of the sayd late kyng Henry the eyght, as in the sayd act made in the sayd fyrste yere among other thyngs moze playnly appereth. By reason of whiche article and clause, contained in the sayd act, made in the said fyrst yere, the sayd statute made in the said .xxv. yere of the sayd late kyng, whiche dyd put suche fellows and butglares from their Clergie, that doo suche offence in one Countie, and after are taken with the goodes stollen in an other countie, and there endited, arreyned, and founde gylty, was made voyd. By reason wherof, diuers and many persons that sithen the said first yere haue committed such robberies & burglaries, in one countie, and after haue ben taken with the maner in an other countie, and there endited, arreined, and found gilty haue had and enioyed their Clergie, which they could not haue had in case the sayd act, made in the sayd .xxv. yere, had stande in force, to the greate boldyng and comfort of suche offendours.

For redressse wherof from hencefurth to be had, be it enacted by authority of this present parliament, that the sayd act made in the sayd .xxv. yere touchyng the puttyng of such offendours from their Clergy and euery article, clause and sentēce, contained in the same, touchyng Clergie, shall from hencefurth touchyng such offences, fro henceforth to be committed and done, stand, remayn, and be in full strength and vertue, in suche maner and forme, as it did before the makyng of the sayd act, made in the sayde fyrst yere of the reigne of our sayde soueraigne lord the kyng that now is, any clause, article, or sentence, copied in the said acte made in the said first yere, to the contrary therof not withstanding.

The .xi. Chapter.

**An acte for the punishment of
dyuerse treasons.**



INASMUCH as it is most necessary, both for common pollicie, and duetie of the subiectes aboue al thynges to prohibite, restraine and extinct, al maner of shameful Slaunders, which might growe, happen, or aryse to their soueraigne Lord the kinges Maiesty, whiche when they be heard, sene or vnderstand, cannot be but odible, and also abhored of all those sortes that be true & louing subiectes, yf in any poynte they maye doe, or shall touche his Maiesty, vpon whome dependeth the whole vnitie, and vniuersal weale of this realme, without prouiding wherfore, to great a scope of vnreasonable liberty should be geue to al cancred & traiterous hartes, & the kinges
louyng

louyng subiectes, should not declare vnto their soueraigne lord nowe beyng, which vnto them hath been and is, moſte, bothe entierly beloved and eſtimated, their vndoubted ſinceritie and truſthe.

Be it therfoze enacted by the aſſent and conſent of oure ſouereigne lord the kyng, and the lordes ſpiritual and tempoꝛall, & the comons of this preſent parliament aſſembled, and by thauſtoꝛite of the ſame, that if any perſon or perſons, after the firſt day of June next coming by open preaching, expreſſe wordes or ſayngs, do expreſſely directly & aduſedly ſetfurthe, and affirm, that the kyng that now is, is an heretike, ſciſmatike, tyꝛant, infidell, or vſurper of the crowne, or that any his heires or ſucceſſours, to whom the crowne of this realme is limited, by aucthoꝛite of parliament, holden in the. xxxv. yeare of the reigne of the late kyng Henry the. viij. being in laful poſſeſſion of the crowne, is an heretike, ſciſmatike, tyꝛant, infidel, or vſurper of the crowne, that then euery ſuche offendour, beyng thereof duely conuicted, or attainted by the lawes of this realme, their abbettours, procurours and counſailours, and al and euery their aidours and comfortours, knowyng theſaid offences, or any of them to be done, for his or their ſuche fyrſt offence, ſhall loſe and forſayt to the kyng, al his and their goodes and cattalles, and alſo ſhall haue and ſuffer impriſonment of his and their bodies at the kynges will and pleaſure. And yf any perſon, beyng ones conuicted or attainted of any of the ſaid offences, ſhall after his ſaid conuiction or attaindour, eſcapes comyt or perpetrate any of thoſe offences befoze mentioned, in foure afozeſayd committed, and ſhall be thereof duely conuicted or attainted by the Lawes of this realme, that then euery ſuche offendour and offendours, theꝛ abbettours, procurours, and counſailours, and al and euery their aidours and comfortours, knowyng the ſaid offences or any of the to be done, for his or their ſeconde offence or offences, ſhall loſe and forfeit vnto the kyng, the whole iſſues and profites, of al his and their landes tenementes, and other hereditamentes, benefices, prebendes and other ſpiritual promotions, for terme of the life of ſuch offendour or offendours, and ſhall alſo loſe and forfeit vnto the kyng al his and their goodes and cattalles, and alſo ſuffer duryng his and their liues perpetuall impriſonment of his and their bodies.

Provided alwaies, that ſuche of the ſayd ſpiritual promotions, as ſhall be charged with cure, be alwaies by the kyngs maſtie, and his heires and ſucceſſours ſufficiently furniſhed of a Curate, for the diſcharge of the ſame. And if any perſons, beyng two tymes hereafter conuicted or attainted of any of the ſame offences, in foure afozeſayde committed, ſhall after his ſecond conuiction or attaindour, eſcapes committe or perpetrate agayne, anye of the ſayde offences in foure afozeſayde, and bee thereof duely conuicted, or attainted by the Lawes and Statutes of this realme, that then euery ſuch, thiede

thirde offence or offences, shalbe demed and adiudged highe treason, and thoffendour or offendours therein, their abbettours, procurours, and counsailours, and al and euery theyr aydours and comfortours, knowing the said offences, or any of them to be done, beyng thereof convicted, or attainted, according to the Lawes and statutes of this realme, shalbe iudged and demed high traitours, & shal suffer paynes of death, and lose and forfeite al their goodes, and cattalles, landes, and tenementes, wherof he or they shalbe seised of an estate of enheritance, in his or their owne right, to the king, as in cases of high treason.

And be it further enacted by thauthozite aforesaid, that if any person or persons, at any time after the sayd first day of June, nexte coming by writing, printing, painting, harving, or grauinge, do directly, expressely, and aduisedly publyshe, set forth, and affirme, that the king that now is, or any his heires, or successours limited as is aforesaid, is an heretike, schismaticke, tiraunt, infidelle, or vsurper of the corone, that then euery suche offence and offences shalbe demed, and adiudged hygh treason, and thoffendour & offendours, theyr abbettours, procurours, and counsailours, and al and euery their aydours and comfortours, knowing the said offences or any of them to be done, being therof convicted or attainted, according to the Lawes & statutes of this realme, shalbe demed and adiudged highe traitours, and shal suffer paynes of death, and lose and forfeite all theyr goodes and cattalles, landes and tenementes to the kyng, as in cases of highe treason.

And be it further enacted by thauthozite aforesaid, that if any person or persons, after the said first day of June next coming, rebelliously do deteine, kepe, or withholde fro our said soueraigne lord, his said heires & successours, any of his or their castels, fortresses, fortles, or holdes within this realme, or in any other the kings dominions or marches, or rebelliously kepe deteine, or withhold fro the kyngs said highnes, his said heires or successours, any of his or theyr shippes, ordinaunces, artillery or other munitions or fortifications of war, & do not obediently render & geue vp to our said soueraigne lord, his said heires or successours, or to suche persones, as shalbe deputed by them or any of the such castels, fortresses, fortles, holdes, shippes, or dinaces, artillery or other munitions & fortifications of war, rebelliously kept & deteined within. vi. daies next after they shalbe commaunded by our said soueraigne lord his said heires or successours, by open proclamation vnder y^e great seale, the same proclamation to be made in such place & order, so as the party & parties to be charged by this act may conveniently haue notice or knowledge thereof: that the euery such persone or persones so offending in any the premises, after the said first daye of June, their abbettours, procurours & counsailors, & al & euery their
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aidours, and comfortours knowing the said offences, or any of them to be done, being lawfully convicted, of the rebelliously keeping, & detaining therof, according to the lawes and statutes of this Realme, shalbe adiudged traitours, and shal suffer paines of death, and lose and forfeite all their goodes and cattalles, landes and tenementes, vnto the kyng, as in cases of high treason.

And ouer that be it enacted by the aucthorite aforesayde, that yf any of the kynges subiectes, denizens, or other, do commit, or practyse out of the limites of this realme, in any outward partes, any thoffences which by this acte are made, or heretofore now standing in force haue ben made treason, that then suche treasons, whatsoeuer they be, or wheresoeuer they shall happen so to be done, or committed, shalbe enquired, and presented by the othes of .xii. good and lawful me vpon good and probable evidence and witnes, in suche shiere, and countye of this realme, and befoze suche persons, as it shall please the kyng, his said heyres or successours to appoynte by commission vnderhys great seale, in lyke maner and forme, as treasons committed wythin this realme, haue bene vsed to be enquired of, and presented. And that vpon every endictment and presentment, founden & made of any such treasons, & certified into the kinges Benche, lyke processe, and other circumstance shalbe there made, and had against thoffendours, as if the same treason so presented, had bene lawfully founde to be done, & committed, within the limites of this realme. And that al processe of outlawry, hereafter to be made and had, within this realme, against any offendours in treson, beyng resiaunt, or enhabitaunt, out of the limites of this realme, or in any the partes beyond the sea, at the tyme of the outlawry pronounced against the, shalbe as good and effectual in the Lawe, to al ententes and purposes, as if any suche offendours, had bene residente, and dwelling within this Realme, at the tyme of suche processe awarded, and outlawry pronounced.

Provyded alwayes and be it enacted by the aucthorite aforesayde, that if the party so hereafter to be outlawed, shal within one yere next after the sayde outlawry pronounced, or Judgemente geuen vpon the said outlawry, yelde him selfe vnto the chiefe Justice of England, for the tyme being, and offer to trauers the endictment, or appele, wherevpon the sayd outlawry shalbe pronounced, as is aforesayd, that the he shalbe receiued to the said trauers, and beyng therupon founde not gilty by the verdicte of .xii. men, he shalbe clerely acquitted, & discharged of the said outlawry, and of al penalties and forfeitures, by reason of the same, in as large and ample maner, and forme, as though no suche outlawry had bene made, any thing herein conteyned to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted, by the aucthorite aforesayde, that every offendour, or offendours, beyng hereafter lawfully convicted, of any

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maner of high treason, by presentment, confession, verdict, or procelle of outlawry, according to the due course, and custome of the lawes of this realme, shall lose and forfeite to the kynges highnes, his heires and successours aforesaid, al suche landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, whiche any suche offendour, or offendours, shall haue, of any estate of enheritaunce, in his owne ryght, in vse, or possession, wythin this realme of England, or els where, within any the kynges dominions, at the time of any such treasons committed, or at any time after.

And it is further enacted by the auctorite aforesayde, that no person or persons, shall in any wyse be emperched, for any of the offences abovesayd, commytted onely by open preaching, or wordes, onles the offendour, or offendours, be therof accused, within thre monthes next after the same open preaching & wordes, & that the same accusation or accusations, be had made and declared, to one of the kynges counsaile, or to one of the kynges Justices of assise, or els to one of the kynges Justices of the peace, beyng of the Quorum, or to two Justices of the peace within the Shire, where the same offence or offences shall happen to be doone or committed: any thyng conteyned in this act to the contrary therof in any wyse not withstanding.

Provided also, and be it declared and enacted, by the auctorite aforesaid, that concelement or keepyng secrete of any high treason, be deemed and taken, only misprision of treason, & the offendour therein, to forfeit and suffer, as in cases of misprision of treason, as heretofore hath bene used, any thyng aboue mencioned to the contrary not withstanding.

Provided alwaies, and be it enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that no person or persons, after the fyrst day of June next comyng, shall be endicted, arreigned, condemned, convicted or attainted, for any of the treasons or offences aforesayd, or for any other treasons, that now be, or hereafter shall be, whiche shall hereafter be perpetrated, committed or done, onlesse the same offendour or offenders, be therof accused by two lawfull accusers, whiche sayd accusers at the tyme of the arreignement of the partie accused, if thei be then living, shall be brought in person, before the partie so accused, and auow and mainteyne that that they haue to say against the said partie, to proue him guiltie of the treasons or offences, conteined in the bill of endictement layd agaynst the partie arreigned, onles the said partie arreigned shall wyllyngly without violence cofesse the same. Sauyng to euery person and persons, their heires and successours, other then the offendours and their heires, and suche person and persons, as clayme to any their vles, all suche rightes, titles, interest, possessions, leases, rentes, reuerfions, offices, and other profites, whiche they or any of them shall haue, at the day of committynge suche treasons, or at any tyme after, in as large and ample maner, as if this acte had neuer bene had nor made.

Provided also, and be it enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that the
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wife, or wiues, whose husbände or husbādes hereafter shalbe attein-
ted of treasons specyfied in this acte, or of any other treasons, what-
soever they be shal in no wise be receiued, or aske, challenge, demaūde
or haue dowry of any the landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, of
any the person, or persons, to be attaynted of treason, as is aforesaid
duryng the sayd atteindour in his force, any thing befoze mencyned
to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstandinge.

The. xii. Chapter.

**An acte, for the declaracion of a statute, made for the mari-
age of priestes, and for the legitimation
of their chyldren.**



Abeit, that at the session of this parliament holden by
prozocation at Westminster, the. iiii. Day of Nouem-
ber in the. ii. yere of the reigne of the kynges Maiesty
that now is, it was ordeined, and enacted by thau-
tority of the same parliament, that al & every law, and
lawes, polytyue, canons, constitutions, and ordinaun-
ces, befoze that made, by the aucthoritie of man onely, which then dyd
prohibite, & forbid marriage to any ecclesiastical, & spiritual person, or
persons, of what estate, cōdicio, or Degre, they then were, or by what
name or names so euer they then were called, whiche by Gods lawe
might lawefully mary, & al & every article, byaunche, & sentence, con-
cerning only the prohibitiō for the marriage of the persons aforesaid,
shold be vtterly boide, & of none effect: And that al maner of forfeitu-
res, paines, penalties, crimes or actiōs, which ware in the said lawes
cōteined, or of y same did folow, concerning the prohibitiō, for the ma-
riage of the persons aforesayde, shold be clerely and vtterlye boide,
frustrate, and of none effect, to al ententes, constructions, and purpo-
ses, aswel cōcerning marriage afoze that time made by any of the Ec-
clesiasticall, or spiritual persons aforesayd, as also such, whiche there-
after shold be duely & lawefully had, celebrated, and made betwixte
the persons whiche by the lawes of God myghte lawefully marie: yet
sence the making of the said acte, diuers euell disposed persones per-
uersely takynge occasion, of certeine wordes, & sentences, in the same
acte compyled, haue, and do vntreuly, & very flaunderously repozte of
priests Matrimony, sayeng that the same statute is but a permission
of priestes Matrimony, as Usury, and other vnlawfull thinges be
now permitted, for the schuing of greater inconuenience, & euilles, so
that thereby the lawfull Matrimony of priestes, in the opiniō of ma-
ny, and the chyldren procreate, & bozne in suche lawfull Matrimonie
rather be of a great nomber of the kinges subiectes accompted as ba-
stardes, then lawfully bozne, to the great flaunder, peril, and disheri-
son of suche chyldren. which vntreue flaunderous reproche of holy ma-
trimony, doth not onely redounde to the highe dishonour of almighty

God, but also to the kinges maiesties dishonour, & his high courte of Parliament, and the lerned clergy of this realme, who haue determined the same to be most vnlawful, by the lawe of God, in their conuocation, aswel by their comon assent, as by the subscription of their handes. And that most of all, is to be lamented, throughth suche vncomely railinges of matrimony, and slaunderous reproches of the clergy, the word of god is not heard with reuerence, folowed with diligence, the godly proceedinges of the kynges maiesty, not receiued with due obedience, & therby the welthy mē of this realme discouraged, to nouriſh and bring vp their childzen in learning, so as it is to be feared, lest in place of good learnyng and knowledg, shal crepe in ignoraunce, and for leached men, vnlearned ambitious mē, and flaterers, to the great displeasure of almighty god, & to the peryll of the whole state of gods true religio within this realme, if speedy remedy be not prouided herin.

Therefore it is enacted, by the kyng our souereigne lord with the assent of the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in thys present parliament assembled, and by thauthozitie of the same parliament, that the Matrimony of al, and euery priest, and other Ecclesiastical, and spiritual persons, and person, heretofore had, celebrated, and made, and the matrimony of euery priest, and other ecclesiastical and spiritual person, which shal hereafter duly be had, celebrated, and made, shalbe iudged, demed and taken, for true, iust, and lawfull matrimony, to al ententes, constructions, and purposes. And that al and euery childzen, and chylde bozne in any suche matrimony, shalbe demed, iudged, reputed, and taken to all ententes, constructions, and purposes, to be bozne in lawfull matrimony, and to be legitimate, and enheritable to landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, from & by any of their fathers, mothers, and other auncestours, in like maner and fourme, to al ententes, constructions, and purposes, as any other childzen, bozne in lawfull matrimony betwixt any of the kynges laye subiectes be enheritable, and that by thauthozitie aforesayde, aswel al and euery priest, and other Ecclesiastical, and spiritual person, and persones, be, and shalbe enabled to be tenautes by the courtesy, after the death of their wiues, of suche landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, as their wiues shal happen to be seised of, of estate in fee simple, or estate in fee tayle general, during the spousails, as also euery wyfe of euery suche priest, and other Ecclesiastical person, shalbe enabled to claime, demaunde, haue and enioy dower of the landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, wherof her husband, during the espousailles betwene them, was seised of estate in fee Simple, or fee taile general in his owne right, in like maner and fourme, to al ententes, constructions, and purposes, as any other husbande, or wyfe maye or might claime, demaunde, haue, or enioy. Any law, statute, ordinaunce canon, constitution, prescription, or custome, hadde, made exercysed,

sed or bled in this realm to the contrary in any wise, not withstanding.
 Provided alway, that this acte, nor any thyng therein conteyned,
 shall extende to geue libertie to any person to mary, without askyng
 in the Church, or without the Ceremonies, accordyng to the booke of
 Common praier, & administration of the sacramentes, nor shall make
 any such matrimony already made, or hereafter to be made good, whi-
 che are prohibited by the lawe of God for any other cause.

Provided also that this act, nor any thyng therein conteined, shall
 extende to alter, change, reuoke, repeale, or other wise to disanull any
 decree, iudgement or sentēce of diuorice, heretofore had or made, or to
 chaunge or alter the possession or enheritance of any landes or tene-
 ments, already descēded, but that they and euery of them shall remaine
 continue, and be of suche lyke force, effect, strength and degree, to all
 ententes, constructions & purposes, as they were before the makynge
 of this acte. This act or any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary
 in any wyse, not withstanding.

The. xiii. chapter.

An acte for the declaration of a statute made
 in the. xxi. yere of King Henry the eyght,
 touchyng religious persons.



Where by an Acte of Parlaunte, made the. xxi. yere
 of the reigne of the most noble Prince of famous me-
 mozy, King Henry theight, for, and concernyng the
 enablement of professed and religious persons, to pur-
 chase to them, & to theyr heyres, in fee symple, fee taile,
 for terme of lyfe, for yeres, or at wyll: manours, lan-
 des, tenementes, rentes, annuities, and other hereditamētes, & thin-
 ges whatsoeuer: And that they and euery of them, should or myghte,
 from thencefourthe ble, and exercyse, receyue, take, haue and enioye,
 all, and euery lawefull thyng, and thynges to be growen, fallen, or
 happened to them, or any of them, after the same deraymente, or de-
 partynge out of religion. And in whiche sayde acte of Parlaunte,
 there is a prouiso conteyned, that none of the same religious persons
 shoulde, or myght, at any tyme after the makynge of the same Acte,
 be taken, demed, or iudged, for or as heyre, or heyres, or enheritable
 to any persone, or persones, to any purpose, respecte, construction, or
 entent in the lawe, as by the same acte, amonge other thynges there-
 in conteyned, more fully at large it maye, and dothe appeare. And
 forasmuch as sythe the tyme of the makynge of the sayde acte, there
 hath bene certayne ambiguities and doubtes, growen and arysen,
 and hereafter are lyke to growe, and arysen, vpon the exposition of the
 sayd acte, whether the sayde late religious, and professed persones
 shoulde, or myghte be adiudged, able to enheryte, and to be enherita-
 ble, as heyre, or heyres, to any of hyr or theyr auncestoure, or aunce-
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stours, and to haue, and enioye, all, and euery thing, and thinges descended, growen, fallen, or happened to them, or any of them, after the sayd deraiment, or departing out of Religion, yea, or no. For the full and plaine declaration wherof, be it enacted, declared, and expounded by the auctoritie of this present parlamente, and by the auctoritie of the same, that all, and euery of the same late Religious, and professed person and persons, shal and may, by auctoritie of this Acte, be enabled to all ententes, constructions and purposes, at all tyme, and tymes hereafter to be taken, demed and iudged, as heire, or heires, and enheritable to al, and euery their auncestour, or auncestours, and to haue, challenge, or enioye, receiue, & take al manours, landes tenementes, and hereditamentes, and euery other thing, and thinges, to the or any of them fallen, come, growen or descended, from any their auncestours, by any maner of waies, sence the time of their seueral deraimentes, or departing out of theyr religion: in as ample and large manner, forme, and condition, as they had neuer bene professed, nor entered into religiō, the same profession or religion, or any law custome or vse within this Realme, to the contrary thereof in any wyse, notwithstanding.

Provided alwaies, & be it furthet enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that none of the said religious persons, shal, or maye by vertue of this acte, at any time hereafter, be taken, demed or iudged for heire or heires, or enheritable to any persone, or persones, to anye construction, or entent in the law, by reason of any former right, tytle interest matter, or caule, hadde, made, done, descended or growen to any respects or purpose, before their sayde seueral deraimentes, or departing out of their religion, any thing before in this act or in the said former acte conteyned to the contrary hereof in any wyse notwithstanding.

The. xiiii. Chapter.

An acte against regratours focestallers, and Engrossours.



Albeit, dyuerse good statutes, heretofore haue bene made against focestallers of merchaundises, and victualles, yet for that good lawes, and statutes, against regratours, and engrossers of the same thinges, haue not bene heretofore sufficiently made, and provided, & also for that it hath not bene perfectly known, what persone, shoulde be taken for a focestaller, regratour, or engrosser, the sayde statutes haue not taken good effecte, accordynge to the myndes of the makers thereof: therefore, be it enacted and declared by the kynge oure Soueraigne Lorde, wyth the assente of the Lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in thys presente Parlamente assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same: that what soeuer persone persones, that after the fyrste daye of Maye nexte

who shall be taken
or a focestaller

nexte commynge, shall buye, or cause to be boughte, anye Mar-
chaundyse, victual, or any other thing whatsoeuer, comynge by lande
or by water, to ward any market, or faier to be sold in the same, or com-
ming towarde any citie, porte, haven, crieke, or rode of this realme,
or Wales, fro any partes beyonde the sea, to be sold, or make any bar-
gain, contract, or promise, for the hauing, or buyeng of the same, or a-
ny part therof, so comming, as is aforesaid, before the said merchaun-
dise, victualles, or other thing, shalbe in the market, faier, citie, porte,
haven, crieke, or rode, ready to be solde, or shall make any motion by
worde, letter, message, or otherwoyse to any persone or persones, for
thenhauncing of the price, or derer selleng of any thyng, or thynges
aboue mecioned, or els diswade moue, or stirre any person, or persos,
comming to the market or faier, to absteyne, or forbear, to bring, or
conueigh, any of the thinges aboue rehered, to any market, fayre, ci-
tye, porte, haven, crieke, or rode to be solde, as is aforesayd, shalbe de-
med, taken, and adiudged, for a forestaller.

*buyinge of marchan-
dise*

Further be it enacted, and declared by the auctorite aforesayde,
that whatsoeuer person, or persons, that after the sayde fyrste daye of
Maye, shal by any meanes regrate, obteyne, or gette, into his or their
handes or possession, in any fayre or market, any corne, wyne, fysh,
butter, chese, candles, tallowe, shiepe, lambes, calves, swyne, pygges,
gese, capons, hennies, Cheekins, pigeons, conies, or other deade vic-
tuall whatsoeuer, that shalbe brought to any fayre, or market within
this realme, or Wales, to be solde, and doe sel the same againe in anye
faier or market, holden or kept in the same place, or in any other faier
or market, within. iiii. miles therof, shalbe accepted, reputed and ta-
ken for a regratour or regratours.

a registrator

*buyinge provision an-
doleing it against pro-
vision or market within
4 miles*

And be it also enacted, and declared by the auctorite aforesayde,
that what soeuer person or persons, that after the sayd fyrste daye of
Maye, shal engrosse, or get into his or their handes, by buyeng, con-
tracting, or promise taking, other then by demyse, graunte or lease of
lande, or tithes: any corne, growing in the fieldes, or any other corne, or
graine, butter, chese, fish, or other deade victualles whatsoeuer, with-
in the realme of England, to the intent to sel the same againe, shalbe ac-
cepted, reputed and taken an vnlawfull Engrosser, or Engrossers.

an engrosser

*buyinge of corne upon
the ground
butter and chese to be
engrossed*

And yf any person or persons, shal at any tyme after the sayde fyrste
daye of Maye, offende in any of the thinges before recited, and being
therof duly convicted, or attainted by the lawes of this realme, or after
the fourme hereafter mencioned, shall for hys or theyr fyrste offence,
haue, or suffer emprisonment, by the space of thre monethes, wythoute
bayle or mayne pryse, and shal also lose, and forfeite the value of the
goodes, cattal, and victuall, so by him or them bought or had.

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And yf any person, lawfully convicted, or attaynted, of, or for any
the offences aboue sayde, be therof eftsones lawfully convicted, or at-
tainted,

the 2^d time

teynted, that then euery persone or persons so offendyng, shall haue and suffer, for his sayde seconde offence, imprisonment by the space of one haulfe yere, without bayle or mainprise, and shall lose the double value of all the gooddes, cattal, and victual, so by hym bought or had, as is aforesayd.

And if any persone beyng lafully thwysse conuicted, or attaynted, of or for any of the sayde offences, shall eftsoones offende the thyrde tyme, and be therof lafully conuicted or atteinted, that then euery suche persone, for the said thirde offence, shall be set on the pillory in the citie, toun, or place, where he shall then dwell and inhabite, and lose and forfeite all the gooddes and cattal, that he or they haue to their awne vse, and also be committed to prison, there to remayn, duryng the kynges Maiesties pleasure.

Provided alwaye, and it is enacted and declared, by thauthoritie aforesaid, that the buyeng of any such barley, Bigge, or Otes, as any persone or persons (not forstallyng) shall bye, to conuert into malte or otemeale in his or their owne house or houses, and so shall be conuerted in deede, or the buyeng of any suche thyng, by any suche fyshmonger, boucher, or pulter, as concerne his or their owne facultie, craft, or mystery (otherwysse then by forstallyng) whiche shall sell the same agayn vpon reasonable prices by retaile, or the takyng of any cattal, corn, grain, butter, chese, or any other thing aboue mencioned, reserued without fraude or couyn, vpon any lease for terme of life or lifes, yere, or yerres, heretofore made, or hereafter to be made: or the bieng of any wine or other dead victuall aboue mencioned, beyng apte and mete for mannes sustenance, by any Innholder, or other victualler, to sell y same by retail within his house, or to any of his neighbors for theyr sustenance, for reasonable prices. or the byeng of any dried or salted fysh, herryng or sprottes (not forstalled) and sold for reasonable prices, or the buyeng of any corne, fysh, butter, or chese, by any such badger, lader, kiddier or carier, as shall be assigned and allowed to that of fice, or doyng, by thre Justices of peace of the cuntrey, where the said badger, lader, kiddier, or carier shall dwell, whiche shall sell or deliuer in open fayre or market, or to any other victualler, or to any other persone or persones, for the prouision of his or their house or houses, all suche corne, grayn, butter, and chese, as any suche persone shall buy or cause to be bought, and that within one moneth nexte after he shall so buye any suche corne, grayn, butter, or chese, so that the same shall be bought without forstallyng: or els that any common prouision made or hereafter to be made, without fraude or couyn, by any person or persons, of any of the thynges abouesaid, for any citie, borough or toun corporate, or for prouision of victualllyng of any ship, castle, or forte, within the kynges dominions, without forstallyng, which shall be employed onely to that vse and purpose: Or the buyeng and prouision of any

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any of the victualles aboue mencioned, necessary, and requisite for the furniture and prouision of the enhabitautes of Calais, Guisnes, and other the Marches of the same, or of þe toun of Barwicke, Holly Islande, or the Marches of Englande against Scotlande, which without fraude, or couine shalbe transported, & coueighed, as sone as wind and wether may serue, to suche of the places aforesaid, for the whiche the same shalbe so prouided, shal not be in any wyse demed, adiudged or taken any offence conitrary to this acte.

And it is also further enacted, by the aucthorite aforesayd, that if any person or persons, after the said first day of May nexte coming, hauing sufficient corne, and grayne, for the prouision of hys, or theyr owne house or houses, and lobynge of theyr groundes, for one yere doe buy any corne in any fayre, or Market, for the chaunge of his, or their sede, and do not bring to the same fayre, or Market the same day so muche corne as he shal fortune to buye for his sede, and sel the same yf he can, as the price of corne, then goeth in the said Market, or fayre: that then every suche person, or persons so buyeng corne for sede, shal forfeit and lose the double value of the corne so boughte. Or yf any person or persons, after the sayde fyrste daye of May, shall buye any manner of Oxen, Koyntes, Stieres, Kine, Heckfers, Calues, Shiepe, lambes, goates, or kiddes liuing, & sel the same agayne aliue, onles he or they do kepe & fede the same, by the space of, v. wekes, in his or their owne houses, ground, ferme ground, or els in such ground or groundes where he or they haue the herbage or common of pasture by graunte or prescription: that then every person or persons, so buyeng and sellyng agayne, shall lose the double value of the cattall, or thynges so bought and sold agayn. The moitie of al which forfeitures aforesayd shalbe to the king, & the other moitie to him or them, that wyl sue for the same, in any of the Kynges Courtes of Recorde, by Byl, plaint, action of debt, or enforment, in the which byl, playnt, action, or informent, no wager of lawe, essoine, or protection shalbe admitted.

Be it also further enacted, by the aucthorite aforesayde, that the Justices of the Peace in every countie within this realme, or Wales, at their quartre Sessions, shal haue ful power and aucthorite by vertue of this acte, to enquire, heare, and determine all and every the defaults and offences perpetrated, committed, or doone, contrarie to this acte, within the countie where any suche sessions shalbe kepte, by inquisition, presentment, byl, or enforment before them exhibited, and by examination of two lawfull witneses, or by any of the same waies or meanes, by the discretion of the said Justices, and to make processe thereupon, as though they wer endicted before them by inquisition, or by verdict of, xii. men or more: & upon the conuiction of the offendour by informent or sute of any other then the Kyng, to make extractes of the one moitie of the forfeitures to be leuied to the kinges

*buying corne in a man
not and hauing sufficient
in our house*

except

for sale

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agayne within 5 weekes*

*for sale the double va
lue*

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sessions*

2 witnesses

ges bſe, as they bſe to do, of other fines, iſſues, & armerciamētes gro-
wen in the Sessions of peace, & to a ward execution of thother moy-
tye for the complainante, or enſourmer againſte the offendour, by
Fieriſacias, or capias, as the kynges Juſtices at Weſtmiſter maye doe,
and bſe to do. And yf any ſuch conuiction, or atteindour, ſhal hereafter
happen to be at the kynges ſute onely, that then the whole forfeitū-
res to be extracted and leuied to the kynges bſe onely.

And it is further enacted by the aucthority afozeſayde, that what-
ſoeuer perſon ſhall at anye tyme hereafter be punyſhed by vertue of
this acte for any thyng mentioned in this acte, that then the ſame
perſone ſhall not otherwyſe be vexed, troubled, ſued, or put to anye
patne or puniſhment for that thing, wherefoze, he, or they ſhall haue
bene ſo punyſhed.

Whereby alwaies, and it is enacted by the aucthority afozeſayde
that it ſhal be lawfull to euery perſone or perſones whiche ſhal be aſſi-
gned and allowed by thze Juſtices of the peace, of the countye where
he ſhal dwell, thereunto, to buye (otherwiſe then by forſtalling) cozne,
grame, or cattel, to be tranſported, or caried by water from any port
or place within this realme, or waies, vnto any other porte, or place
within the ſayd realme or Dominions, if he, or they ſhal without fraude
or couine, ſhypp, or embarke within. lx. daies next after he, or they ſhall
haue bought the ſame, or taken couenante, or promyſe for the buyeng
therof, and with ſuch expedition, and diligence as winde and wether
wil ſerue, to cary and tranſporte the ſame to ſuche porte, or place, as
his or theyz cockettes ſhal declare: and there do diſbarke, vnlade, and
ſell the ſame, and do bring a true certificat therof, fro one Juſtice of
peace of the county, or Maioz, or Bailife of the towne corporte where
the ſame ſhal be vnladen, and alſo of the customer of the porte, where
ſuch vnlading ſhal be, of the place, and daye, where the ſayd cozne, or
cattel ſhal be diſbarked, vnladen, and ſolde to be directed vnto the cus-
tomer and Comptroller of the porte, wher the ſame were embarked
any thyng mentioned in this acte to the contrary, notwithstandinge.
And ouer that, that at all times hereafter, when wheate ſhal be com-
monly at the price of. vi. ſ. viii. d. the quarter, or vnder, Malte, and
Barley, at. iii. ſ. iiii. d. the quarter, or vnder, Otes, or Otes malted, at
the price of. ii. ſ. the quarter, or vnder, Peaſe, or Beanes, at the price
of. iiii. ſ. the quarter, or vnder, and Rye or Mpykeline, at the price of.
v. ſ. the quarter, or vnder (all whiche quarters ſhal be entended to be
of London meaſure) that then it ſhal be lawfull to euery perſone, and
perſons (nor forſtallyng) to buy, engroſſe, and kepe in hyz or theyz
graneries or houſes, ſuche cozne of the kyndes afozeſayd, as without
fraude or couine ſhal be bought, at, or vnder the prices afoze expreſſed
any thing in this acte to the contrary notwithstandinge.

Whereby alwaies, and be it enacted by the aucthority afozeſayde,
that

that this act, or any thing therein contained, extend not to charge any person or persons, for any thoffences aboue mencioned, oneles he or they be sued for the same, within .ii. yeres next after such offence done or committed: this act to endure vntil the end of the next parliament.

Þrouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that it shall be lawfull to all and euery of the kynges maiesties subiectes, now dwelling, and inhabityng, or that hereafter shall dwell or inhabite within one mile of the maigne sea, to buy al maner of fische, freshe or salted (not forstallinge the same) and to sel the same againe at reasonable prices: this acte, or any thing therein cōteined to the contrary in any wyse, notwithstandinge.

Þrouided also, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that it shall be lawfull to all and euery persone, and persones knownen for a common drouer, or drouers beyng licenced, aucthorised, and allowed in writig, & by .iii. Iustices of the peace, wherof one to be of *Quorum* of the countie, or counties, where the same drouer, or drouers shall be most abiding, and dwelling, to buy cattel in suche shieres or counties where drouers haue bene wont in tymes past accustomably to buye cattel at their free liberty and pleasure, and to sel the same as is aforesayd, at reasonable prices in common faires, and markettes distant from the place or places, where he or they shall buy the same. xl. myles at the least, so that the same cattel be not bought by way of forstallinge. This acte, or any thing therein contained to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstandinge.

Þrouided alwayes, that suche licence of Iustices of the Peace shall not endure aboue one yere, onles the same be yerely renued by so many Iustices, as is aforesayde.

¶ The .xv. Chapter.

¶ An acte against regratours of Tanned Lether.



Where by the couetousnes of diuers greedy persones, regrating & engrossing all kynde of tanned lether into their hādes, & selling again the same at excessive prices to Sadlers, Girdlers, Cordewainers, and such other artificers, & handicraftes men as make wares of tanned lether, the kynges louig subiectes are enforced to buye the said wares, at vntreasonable prices, for remedy & reformation wherof: Be it enacted by the kyng our souereigne Lord, with thassent of the lordes spiritual and tempozal, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of the same, that from, and after the first daye of May next comynge, no person or persones, of what estate, degree, or condicion, soeuer he, or they be, shall buye, or engrosse, or cause to be bought, or engrossed, any kynde

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kynde of tanned lether, to thentent to sel the same againe, vpon paine to forfeict the sayde lether so bought, or the iust prce thereof. The one moitye of which forfeicure, shalbe to the king our souereigne Lord, and thother moitye to him, or them, that shall lease or sue for the same in any of the kinges courtes of recozde, by action of debt, byl, plaint, in formation or other wyse, wherein no wager of lawe, esoyne, protecti- on, or intunccion, shalbe admitted or allowed for the defendaunte.

¶ Prouyded alway, and be it enacted by thaucthority aforesaide, that all sadlers, girdlers, cordebainers, and all other artifycers, suche as marke males, bougettes, lether pottes, tancarδες, barehides, or any other wares of lether, shal or maye buye, all suche kynde of tanned le- ther, as is, or shalbe necessary for their occupieng, to be brought and made by them, or by their seruantes, in or about their said wares, any thing befoze mencioned in this acte to the contrary, notwithstanding.

¶ Prouided also, that euery girdler, & other Artifycer befoze mencio- ned in this acte, may at his free wyll and pleasure sell theyr neckes, wombes, and shzeddes of tanned lether. (such as they, or any of them cannot occupy about the wares, they vse to make) to anye person, or persones, without incurrng any forfeict, paine or penalty befoze ex- pressed in this act: any thyng therein conteined to the contrary not- withstanding.

¶ Prouided also, and be it further enacted, by thaucthority aforesayd, that it shalbe lawfull, to, or for euery persone, or persones, whiche nowe haue, or hereafter shal haue the kinges maiesties special licēce, or licences, to transport, cary, or conueigh ouer the seas, any kynde of tanned lether, to buye for the furniture of their saied licence, or licen- ces, in open faier or market, suche, and so muche tanned lether, as he or they be, or shalbe licenced to transport, cary, or conueigh. So that the same licence, or licences be presented, & shewed, vnto the chief offi- cer or officers, that now haue, or hereafter shal haue, the gouernaunce of any citie, towne, faier, or market, where as the said leather, or any part therof shalbe bought. And so that the sayde officer or officers, se- ynge the same licence to be good and perfect, do iustly, and truly wryte vpon the backeside of euery suche licence or licences, how muche tan- ned lether, he, or they shall there haue bought, & the certeine daye time and place of buyeng the same, that therby it may manifestly appeare, how, and when, euery suche licence or licences, be or shalbe satisfied, any thing in this acte to the contrary, notwithstanding.

¶ And be it further enacted by the aucthority abouesayd, that after the sayd fyrst day of Maye next comming, no person or persons, shall shyp or cause to be shipped (to the entent to cary, transporte, or conuey ouer the seas, as Marchandise to be solde, or erchaunged there) any Shoes, Bootes, Buskins, Stertuppes, or Slyppers, vpon payne to forfeicte al, and euery suche Shoes, Bootes, Buskins, Stertuppes

oz Slippers, so shipped contrary to the true meaning of this Acte, oz the value of the same. The one moiety of the sayd forfeiture to be to the King our souereigne Lord, & the other moiety to him oz thē, that shal lease oz sewe for the same, in any of the Kinges Maiesties courtes of recozde, by action of debte, bille, plaint, enformacion, oz other wyse, wherein no wager of law, essoine, protection, oz intunction shalbe admitted, oz allowed for the defendaunt.

Proroued alwaies and be it enacted by thauthority aforesaid, that this Acte, ne any thing therein contained, shal not in any wyse extende to be prejudicial, oz hurtful to any person, oz persons, beyng the Kinges subiectes, for transporting, oz carieng ouer the Seas vnto Calice oz the Marches of the same, and vnto the Isle of man, so muche, oz as many of the aforesayd made wares (as Bootes, Buskins, Stertuppes, and Slippers heretofore recited) as shalbe necessary and conuenient for the wearing, and furniture of the kynges subiectes in them, oz any of them. Any thing in this laste Acte contained to the contrary hereof in any wyse, notwithstanding.

Proroued alwayes, & be it enacted by thauthoritie aforesaid, that no Sadler, Firdler, Cordwainer, noz other artificer dwelling within the citie of London, and the suburges of the same, which shal cut the same tanned leather, (as is aforesaid to thentent to make wares therof) shal courrie, oz dresse any of the aforesaid tanned leather, in his, oz their owne house, oz houses, oz by his, oz their seruaunt, oz seruantes, vpon paine of forfeiture, al, and euery the said tanned leather, so to be courried. The one moiety of which forfeiture shalbe to our souereigne Lord the Kyng, and the other moiety to the partye that wil sue for the same, in any of the Kinges Courtes of recozde, by Bille, Plainte, Action, oz Enformation. Wherin no wager of law, essoine, protection, oz Intunction, shalbe admitted, oz allowed for the defendaunt.

¶ The. xvi. Chapter.

¶ An Acte against buyeng, and selleng of Offices.



For the auoyding of corruption, whiche may hereafter happen to be in the officers, and ministers, in those courtes, places, oz rowmes, wherein there is requysyte to be had, the true administracion of iustice, oz seruices of trust, and to thentent that persones worthye, and mete to be aduanced to the place where iustice is to be ministred, oz any seruyce of truste executed shoulde hereafter be preferred to the same, and no other.

Be it therefore enacted, by the Kyng our souereigne Lord, the lordes Spiritual & Temporal, and the Commons in this present parliamēt assembled, & by thauthoritie of the same: That yf any person, oz per-

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sons at any tyme hereafter bargayn or sell any office or offices, or deputation of any office or offices, or any part or parcel of any of them or receyue, haue or take any money, fee, reward, or any other profit directly or indirectly, or take any promise agreement couenant bonde or any assurance, to receyue or haue any money, fee, reward, or other profit directly or indirectly, for any office or offices, or for the deputation of any office or offices, or any part of any of them, or to the intent that any person should haue, exercise, or enjoy any office or offices, or the deputation of any office or offices, or any parte of any of them, which office or offices, or any part or parcel of them, shall in any wise touche or concerne the administration or execution of iustice, or the receipte, comptrollement or payment of any the kynges highnes treasure, money, rente, reuenue, accompte, alneage, auditourshyppe, or surueyng of any the kynges Maiesties honoures, Castelles, Manours, landes, tenementes, wooddes, or hereditamentes, or any the kynges Maiesties customes, or any administration or necessary attendance to bee had doone or executed in any the kynges Maiesties custome house or houses, or the keepyng of any the kynges maiesties townes Castelles or fortresses, beyng vbled, occupied or appoynted for a place of strength and defence, or whiche shall concerne or touche any clerkeshippe to be occupied in any maner of court of record, wherein iustice is to be ministred: that then al and every such person and persons that shall so bargayn or sell any of the said office or offices, deputation or deputations, or that shall take any money, fee, reward, or profite for any of the said office, or offices, deputation, or deputacions of any of the said offices, or any part of any of them, or that shall take any promise, couenaunte, bonde, or assurance for any money, reward, or profite to be geuen for any of the said office or offices, deputation, or deputacions of any of the said office or offices, or any parte of any of them, shall not onely lose, and forfeite al his, and their right, interest and estate, whiche suche person, or persones shall then haue, of, in, or to, any of the said office or offices, deputation, or deputacions, or any parte of any of them, or of, in, or to, the gyfte, or nomination of any of the said office or offices, deputation, or deputacions, for the whiche office or offices, or for the deputation, or deputacions, of whiche office or offices, or for any parte of any of them, any suche persone or persones, shall so make any bargayne, or sale, or take, or receiue any somme of money, fee, reward, or profyte, or any promise, couenaunt, or assurance to haue or receyue any fee, reward, money or profyte: But also that all, and every suche person, and persons that shall geue or paye any somme of money, reward, or fee, or shall make any promise, agreement, bonde, or assurance for any of the sayde offices, or for the deputation or deputacions, of any of the sayde office, or offices, or any parte of any of them, shall immediatly by, and vpon

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the same fee, money, or rewarde geuen or payed, or vpon any such promise, conuenaunt, bond, or agreement, had or made, for any fee, some of money, or rewarde to be paid as is aforesaid, be adiudged a disabled person in the lawe, to al ententes & purposes, to haue, occupye, or enjoy the said office, or offices, deputation or deputacions, or anye parte of any of the, for the whiche suche person or persons, shall so gyue, or paye, any some of money, fee, or rewarde, or make any promyse couenaunt bonde, or other assuraunce, to gyue, or paye, any somme of money, fee, or rewarde.

And be it also enacted, by thauthozitie aforesayde, that al, and euery suche bargaines, sales, promyses, bondes, agreements, couenauntes and assuraunces, as be befoze specified, shalbe voyde, to & against him and them, by whome any such bargaine, sale, bonde, promyse, couenaunt, or assuraunce, shalbe had or made.

Provyded alway, that this Acte, or anye thyng therein conteyned, shall not in any wyse extēde, to any office or offices, whereof any person or persones, is or shalbe seysed, of any estate of inheritaunce, nor to any Office of parkershypp, or of the keepynge of anye Parke, house, manour, garden, chace or forrest, or to anye of them: any thing in this acte heretofore mencioned to the contrary therof in any wyse, notwithstandinge.

Provyded also, that yf any persone, or persones, do hereafter offende in any thing contrary to the tenour, & effecte of this acte, yet that notwithstanding, al iudgementes geuen, and al other act, and actes, executed or done, by any suche persone or persones, so offending by authoritie, or colour of the office or deputation, which ought to be forfeited, or not occupied, or not enjoyed by the person, so offending as is aforesaid, after the said offence so by suche person committed or done, & befoze suche person so offendinge, for the same offence be remoued fro the exercise, administration, and occupation of the said office, or deputation, shalbe, and remaine good and sufficient in Lawe, to al ententes, constructions, and purposes, in suche lyke maner and fourme as the same should, and ought to haue remayned and bene, yf this acte had neuer bene had or made.

Provyded also that this acte, or any thing therein conteyned, shall not in any wyse extēde to any bargayne, sale, gyfte, graunte nomination, bonde, couenaunt, promyse, agreement, or assuraunce what so euer it be of, or for any the office or offices, deputation, or deputacions aforesaid, or any part of any of the, had made, done, concluded, or agreed, befoze the fyrst day of Marche next comynge, but that the same bargaine, sale, gift, graunt, nomination, bond, couenaunt, promyse, agreement, or assuraunce, hadde, made, concluded, or agreed, befoze the sayde fyrste daye of Marche, shall alwayes remayne, continue, and be in suche force, strengthe, and effecte, as yf this Acte had neuer

bene had or made, any thing before in this acte mencioned to the contrary therof in any wyse not withstanding.

Provyded alwayes, and be it enacted by thauthozitie aforesayde, that this acte, or any thing therein conteyned, shal not in any wyse extend or be preiudicial, or hurtfull to any of the chiefe Justices of the Kynges Courtes, commonly called the Kynges Benche, or Common place, or to any of the Justices of Assise, that now be, or hereafter shal be, but that they and euery of them, may doe in euery behaulfe, touching, or concerning any office or offices, to be geuen or graunted, by them, or any of them, as they, or any of them might haue done, before the makynge of this Acte, any thing aboue mencioned to the contrarye in any wyse notwithstandynge.

The.xvii. Chapter.

An acte for the continuance of certayne Statutes.



Here in the parliament begon and holden at London, the.iii.day of Nouember, in the.xxi. yere of the reygne of our late moost dradde souereigne Lorde, of mooste famous memozye Kyng Henry the eyghte, and from thence adiourned to westminster, and there holden and continued by diuers prorogations, vnto the dissolution therof, one Acte was made and established, for the restrainte of carieng, and conueighinge of Horses and Mares oute of this Realme: And also one other Acte was there made in the sayde Parliament, for the true makynge of Cables, Hallsers, and Ropes: And also one other acte was there made for the true wynding of wolles: And one other acte to restrayne killynge of Mainlynge, Bullockes, Stieres, and Heickfers, beyng vnder the age of two yeres, whyche sayde severall actes ware then made to endure and contynue, vnto the nexte Parlamente, as by the same thre severall actes moze plainly appeareth: And where also in the same Parlamente, one other acte was made and established, for attaintes to be sued, for the punyshement of perjury, vpon vntreue verdictes, whyche acte laste before rehearsed, was then made, and ordeyned to continue, and endure to the laste daye of the nexte parliament, as by the same acte moze plainly at large is shewed, and may appeare: And where also in the Parlamet, begon and holden at Westminster, the.viii.day of June, in the.xxviii.yere of the reigne of our sayd most dradde souereigne Lorde, Kyng Henry the.viii.and there continued, & kept, vntyl the dissolution therof, it was ordeined, & enacted, that al and synguler the sayd actes, aboue remembred, & euery of the, should continue & endure in their force and

and strength, and also be obserued and kepte, vntyll the laste daye of the nexte Parliament, as by the same Acte amonges other thynges therin conteyned, moze playnely appeareth:

And where also in the Parliament begon, and holden at Westminster the. xxviii. day of Apryl, in the. xxxi. yere of the reigne of our sayd most dread souereigne Lorde kyng Henry the yght, & there continued vntil the. xxviii. day of June then next folowing: It was ordeined, and enacted by thauthozitie of the same Parliament, that all and singuler the said seuerall Actes aboue remembred, and euery of theim, and all clauses articles, and prouisions in them, and euery of them conteyned, shoulde continue and endure in theyr force, and strength, and also be obserued, & kept vntyll the last daye of the nexte Parliament, as by the same Acte amonges other thinges therin conteyned, moze plainly appeareth:

And where also in the last Session of the same Parliament, begon at Westminster the. xii. day of Apryl in the said. xxxi. yere of the reigne of our sayd late souereigne Lorde, and there by diuerse prouogacions cotynued, vntil the. xxiii. day of Iulij, in the. xxxii. yere of our said late Souereigne Lord, there was one other Acte made, and establyshed concerning buyeng off the vpon the Sea: And also an other Acte was there made in the sayde Parliament for reasonable prices of wines to be set, as by the same two Actes laste recyted moze playnely doeth appeare:

And where in the Parliament holden at Westminster in the. xxxv. yere of the reigne of our said most dread souereigne lorde kyng Henry the. viii. one Act was made for the preservation of woodes to endure for. vii. yeres then next folowing, and from thence to the ende of the next parliament, as by the same act moze plainly it doth and may appeare.

And where also at the Parliament holden at Westminster, in the. xxxvii. yere of the reigne of our said most dread souereigne lorde kyng Henry theighte, and there continued, and kepte vntyl the dissolution therof: It was ordeined, and enacted that all, and singuler the sayde Actes aboue mencioned, and euery of them, except the said acte made for the preservation of wooddes as is aforesayde, shoulde continue and endure in their force and strength, and also be obserued, and kept vntyl the last day of the next parliament, as by the same acte amonges other thinges therein conteined moze plainly appeareth:

And where also in the Session of the Parliament holden at Westminster the. iiii. day of Nouember, in the thirde yere of the reygne of our now moste dread souereigne Lorde kyng Edward the sixth, one other acte was made in the same parliament against vnlawfull hunting in any parke, forrest, chase, or other enclosed ground, whiche act was then made to endure the space of thre full yeaeres to be complete &

fully ended, from the first day of May then next commynge, as by the same acte moze plainly appereth. And forasmuche as al and singuler the said seuerall actes aboue mencioned, be good and beneficial for the common welth of this realme:

Be it therfore enacted, ordeined, and established by the kynge our souereigne Lord, with thassent of the Lordes Spirituall, and Temporal, and the commons in this pzent Parliament assembled, and by thauthozitie of the same, that al, and singuler the said seuerall actes, and statutes aboue mencioned, or reherced, and euery of theim, & al clauses, articles, and pzovisions in them, and euery of them cōteyned, and also al, and euery other bzaūche, article and sentence conteyned in the said acte, made in the sayde. xxxvii. yere of the sayd late kyng of most famous memory Henry theight, touching, or in any wise concerning the setting of pryces of wyne, or the sale of the same, shalbe reuiued, continued, stande and endure in theyr force, and strength, to al ententes, constructions, and purposes, and shalbe obserued, and kept in all thynges vnto the laste day of the next Parliament.

C The. xviij. Chapter.

CAn acte, repealing a Statute made in the fourth yere of kynge Henry the seuenth against the bryn-
gyng in of wyne, and woade
in straunge botto-
mes.



Here in the Parliament holden at westminster, the. xiiij. day of January in y. iiii. yere of y. reigne of the famous prince, of worthy memory kynge Henry the seuenth after the cōquest, graundfather to our now most gracious, & natural soueraigne liege lord, it was amōgest other thinges ordeined, stablished, and enacted, that no maner of persone, of what degre, or condicion, that he ware, should conuey, or bring into this realme, Ireland, wales, Calais, or the marches therof, or Barwicke, from the feast of the Natiuitie of S. John Baptist, that after that was, in the yere of our lord, God. M. iiii. c. lxxx. any maner wines growing of the duchy of Guien, or Gascoigne, or woade, called Chouluse woade, but suche as should be conueied, auentured, & brought in ship or shippes, whereof the said late king, or some of his subiectes of this realme of England, Ireland, wales, Calais, or Barwicke, ware owners, possessours, and proprietaries, and the master vnder god, and the mariners of the same Ship or Shippes, Englyshe, Fryshe, Walshe, or men of Barwicke

wicke, or men of Calaice, or of the marches of the same, for the more partie, upon paine to forfeite the same wynges, or woade, so broughte contrary to the said Acte, as in the sayde Acte more at large, it doeth and may appeare.

The whiche acte was supposed to be made for the mayntenaunce of the navy of this realme. And also to thentent, and upon good hope and trust to haue had the same wynges, and woade at more easy prices then before they had bene, the experience wherof hath euer sithen (and nowe of late mooste of all) appered to the contrary, for that the sayde wynges and woade, be daily solde at suche excessive prices, as hath not before bene sene within this realme, and the navy of the realme thereby neuer the better maynteyned.

In consyderation wherof, be it enacted, ordeined, and established by the Kyng our souereigne Lord, with thassent of the Lordes, & commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the aucthority of the same: That from the first day of February nexte commynge, after the Session of this present parliament, vnto the first daye of October then folowing, and so yere, and from yere to yere, begynnyng at, and betwene the fyrste day of February, and the fyrste day of October, it shal and may be lawfull to al and euery person and persons, beyng of the partes or countries in amitie wth our souereigne lord the Kyng, to conuey or bryng into this realme, Ireland, Wales, Calais, or the marches of the same, or Barwicke, anye maner of wynges, of the growing of the Duchie of Guien, or Gascoigne, or of anye other parte of Fraunce, & Choulouse woade, or anye of them in whatsoeuer shipp or shippes, craier or craiers, bote or botes, or by any other meane, who-soeuer be, or shalbe therof owner, possessor or proprietary, beyng of the partes or countries in amitie of our souereigne Lord, or whoso-euer be thereof master mariner, or mariners in the same, without any forfeiture, or penalty therof to be had. The said statute, or any thyng therein conteined to the contrary in any wyse, notwithstanding.

The xix. Chapter.

**An acte, touching the exchange
of Golde and
Siluer.**



Where in the parliamēt holden at Westminster the. xxv. yere of y^e reigne of king Edward the. iii. it was accorded that it should be lawfull for euery mā to exchange golde for siluer, or siluer for gold, or for gold & siluer, so that no mā did hold the same as exchanged, nor take no profyte for makynge of such exchange, upon paine of forfeiture of the money so exchanged, except the Kinges Exchaungers,

gers, which take pzoofte of fuche exchaunge, acco2dyng to an ozdinaunce befoze that time made. Whiche ftatute not withftandynge dyuers couetous perfons of their owne aucthorities, haue of late taken vpon them to make exchaunges, aswel of coigned gold, as of coigned filuer, receiuing and paieng therfoze moze in value, then hath ben declared by the kynges proclamation to be curraunte for, wythin thys his realme, and other his dominions, to the great hinderaunce of the commune wealth of this realme:

Be it therfore enacted by the king our fouereigne Lorde, by thafent of the Lordes, and Commons in this pzeft parliament affembled, and by the aucthoritie of the fame, that yf any perfon oz perfons, after the fyrfte day of Apryl next commynge, exchaunge any coigned golde, coigned Siluer oz money, geiuing, receiuing, oz payenge anye moze in value, benefyte, pzoofte, oz aduauntage for it, then the fame is oz fhall be declared by the kynges Maiefties proclamation to be curraunt for, wythin this his highnes realme, and other his dominions. That then al the faid coigned Golde, Siluer, and money fo exchaunged, and euery parte, and parcel therof fhall be forfeit, and the parties fo offending, fhall fuffer imprifonment by the fpace of one whole yere and make fyne at the kynges pleasure. The one moietye of the fayde Golde, Siluer, oz coigne fo forfeited, to be to the kyng our fouereigne Lord, and the other moietie to be to the partye that feyleth the fame, oz wyll fue for it by Bille, Plainte, Originall, Action of debte,

Information, oz other wyfe in any of the kynges court
tes of Reco2de, in whiche fute no Effoyne, pzo-
tection oz Wager of Lawe fhall lye,
be allowed, oz admit-
ted.

¶ The.xx. Chapiter.

¶ An acte againfte
Ufurye.



Here in the. xxxvii. yeaere of the reygne of the late Kyng of famous memo2y Kyng Henry the eyghte, father to our Souereigne Lord the Kyng that now is amongst other Actes, and Statutes, then made, it was enacted by aucthoritie of Parlaunte, that no perfone oz perfones, at anye tyme after the lafte daye of January in the fayde feuen and thyrtye yeaere, fhoulde haue, receyue accepte, oz take in lucre oz gaynes, for the loane, for bearynge, oz geuyng daye of paymente of any fomme of money, for one whole yeaere, aboue the fomme of twenty pounde in the hundred, and fo after that rate, and not aboue, of, and for a moze, oz leffe,

lesse some, or for a longer or shorter tyme, vpon the paines, and forfeitures in the said acte mencioned, and contained. The which acte was not ment, or entended for the maintenaunce and allowaunce of vsury as diuers persons, blinded with inordinate loue of them selues, haue and yet do mistake the same: but rather was made & extended, against all sortes, & kindes of vsury, as a thing vnlawfull, as by the title and preamble of the sayd acte it doth plainly appere. And yet neuertheles the same was by the said act permitted, for thauoiding of a more euell & inconuenience, that befoze that tyme was vled & exercised. But forasmuche as vsury is by the word of God vtterly prohibited, as a vice most odious, and detestable, as in diuers places of the holy scripture it is euident to be sene, whiche thing by no godly teachings and persuasions can synke into the hartes of diuers greedy, vncharitable, and couetous persones of this realme, nor yet by any terrible threathynge of Gods wrath, and vengeaunce, that iustlye hangeth ouer this realme for the greate and open vsury therin daily vled, and practised they wil forsake such filthy gaine, and lucre, onles some tempoꝝal punishment be prouided, and ordeined in that behalfe: For reformatio wherof, be it enacted by thauthozitie of this present parliament, that from the first daye of Maye, whiche shalbe in the yere of our lord god M. D. Lii. the said acte and statute, concerning onely vsury, lucre, or gaires, of, or for the lone, forbearing, or geuyng daies of any somme, or sommes of money, be vtterly abrogated, voyde, and repealed.

And furthermoze be it enacted by thauthozitie aforesaid, that fro, and after the said first daye of Maye next comming, no person, or persons of what estate degre, qualitie, or condicio soeuer he, or they be, by any corrupt colourable or deceiptful coueighaunce, sleight, or engine or by any waye or meane, shal led, geue, set out, deliuer, or forbere any some or sommes of money, to any person or persones, or to any corporation, or body politique, to, or for any maner of vsury, encrease, lucre gain, or interest, to be had receiued, or hoped for, ouer & aboue the some or sommes so lent, geuen set oute, deliuered or forborne: vpon payne of forfeiture the value, aswel of the some or sommes so lent, geue, set out deliuered or forborne, as also of the vsury, encrease, lucre, gayne, or interest thereof. And also vpon paine of imprisonment of the body, or bodies of euery suche offendour or offendours, and also to make fyne, & raundsome at the kynges wil and pleasure. The moeity of which forfeiture of the said value shalbe to the king, and thother moeity to the partie that wil sue for the same, in any of the kinges courtes of record by action of debte, byll, playnt, or information, wherein no wager of lawe, essoyne or protection, shalbe allowed or admitted.

The. xxi. Chapter.

**An acte agaynste Cinckers,
and Pedlers.**

For



Inasmuch as it is euident, that Tinkers, ped-
lers, and suche lyke vagraunt persons, are more
hurtfull then necessary to the common welthe of
this realme: Be it therfore ordeined, establyshed,
and enacted, by auctoritie of this presente par-
lament, that from and after the feast of the nati-
uitie of S. John Baptist next comming, no per-
son or persons, commonly called Pedler Tinker,
or petye chapman, shall wander or go, from one toune to an other, or
from place to place, oute of the toune, parochie or village where suche
persons shal dwel, and sel pinnes, pointes, laces, gloues, kniues, glas-
ses, tapes, or any suche kynde of wares, whatsoeuer, or gather conye
skynnes, or suche like thing, or vse, or exercise the trade, or occupation
of a Tinker, but onely suche person or persones, as shalbe thereunto
licenced. And that in suche circuite, or compasse, as shalbe to hym or
them assigned, by two Iustices of peace, or mo, of the Shiere where
he or they shal dwel, by wryting vnder their handes, and seales, vpon
payne that every person, which shal offende contrary to the meaning
of this act, shal by any Iustice of y Shiere, wher the same offence shalbe
committed, vpon complaint and due proufe had, by wytnes or other-
wyle be imprisoned, by the space of. xiii. daies at the least.

The. xxi. Chapter.

An act for the putting downe of
Gygge Mylles.



Inasmuch as true Drapery of Wollen clothe is to be
comended, aswel in forein realmes, as in this realme
of England, and al waies and meanes, vnto the co-
trary are to be eschued, and taken awaye. And foras-
much as in many partes of this realme is newly and
lately deuised, erected, builded, & vnto certain mylles,
called Gygge mylles, for the perching, and burling of clothe, by reason
whereof the true drapery of this realme is wonderfuly empayred,
and the clothe thereof deceptfully made, by reason of the byng of the
said Gygge Mylles: For remedy whereof, be it enacted by the kynge
our soueraigne Lorde, the Lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the
commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctho-
ryte of the same, that no maner of persone or persones, after the last day
of May nexte commynge, shall vse or occupye any of the sayde Gygge
Mylles, for the workynge of anye Wollen Clothe, or clothes made
or to be made wythin this Realme vpon payne of forfeiture, for eue-
ry clothe so wroughte in. or by anye of the sayde Mylles, called
Gygge Mylles. v. pounde. The moietie of all and euery suche for-
feiture, and forfeitures, penaltie, and penalties, to be to the vse of
oure Soueraigne Lorde the Kynge, and hys heires, and the
other

other moietie, to the vse of hym that shall sue for the same, in anye of the kynge's courtes, be it by writ bil, plainte, or enformation, wherin the defendaunt shall not be admitted to wage his lawe, nor any protection, esoyne, or iniunction shalbe to hym allowed.

The. xliii. Chapter.

An Acte for the true stuffyng of fetherbeddes, Mattresses, and Quilshions.



ROr the auoiding of the greate deceipte vsed, and practised in stuffing of fetherbeddes, bolsters, pillowes, mattresses, quilshions, and Quiltes: Be it enacted by the auctorite of this present parliament that from, and after the last day of June next coming, no person or persones, whatsoeuer, shall make (to the intent to sel, or offer to be solde) any fetherbedde, bolster, or pillowe, excepte the same bee stuffed with drie pulled fethers, or cleane doune onely, without mingling of skalded fethers, fennedoune, Thistledowne, Sande, Lyme, Grabelle, Unlawful or corrupte stuffe, Heare, or any other, upon paine of forfeiture of al suche fetherbeddes, bolsters, and pillowes, and euery of them so offered to bee solde or the value therof.

And be it further enacted by the same auctorite, that from, and after the said day, no person or personis, shall make (to the intent to sel or offer, or put to sale) any quilte mattress or quilshions, whyche shalbe stuffed wyth any other stuffe, then fethers, wol, or flockes alone upon paine of forfeiture of all, and euery suche quiltes, mattresses, or quilshions, so solde or offered to be solde, or the value thereof.

The moiety of all which forfeitures shalbe to the kynge our Soueraigne Lord, his heires and successours, and the other moiety therof to any suche person or personis, as wyll sue for the same in anye of the kynge's courtes of recorde, or in any other courte, wherein no wage of Labor, esoyne or protection, shalbe allowed for the defendaunt, or defendantes.

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The. xliiii. Chapter.

An Acte for the making of Hattes, Dozneckes, and Couerlectes, at Norwiche, and in the countie of Norff.



Where the making of Hattes, Dozneckes, and Couerlectes, haue of late bene begonne to be practised within the citie of Norwiche, in which citie there be good and profitable ordinaunces, and constitutions, prouyded, and ordeined for the preservation, and continuance of the good making of the same hattes, dozneckes, and couerlectes, by reason whereof the younge and ydle people of the said citie, to a great nomber, haue bene and yet be wel occupied, maynteyned, and set on worke. And forasmuche as diuers euell, and couetous disposed persones, exercisynge the misteries of makynge of hattes, and weauing of couerlectes, and dozneckes, within the said citie, and not beyng brought vp, or practised in the sayde artes or misteries, to the intent they might occupye and exercyse the sayde misteries out of the said citie of Norwiche, where no such ordinaunces and constitutions be made, or prouyded, haue withdrawen them selues from the said citie, into certein townes nigh about the same citie, wher they do, and may occupy, and exercyse the makynge of hattes, weauynge of couerlectes, and dozneckes, disceyptfully, and insufficientlye, without controullement, to the bitter decaye, aswell of the said craftes, and misteries, as of the said citie, yf remedie be not therein prouyded.

It may therfore be enacted by the Kynges Maiesty, with the assent of the lordes spiritual, and Temporal, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that no person by him self, or by his seruaunt, or apprentice, shall from, and after the feast of S. Michael Tharchaungel next coming, make, or worke any feltes, or thrommed hattes, or weaue, or make any couerlectes, or dozneckes, or occupie, vse, or exercise the misteries, or occupations of makynge of feltes, or thrommed hattes, or weauing of dozneckes, & couerlectes, or any of the, within the said citie of Norwich, or within the countie of Norff. oneles he, or they, shall so make, or worke any suche feltes, or hattes, or so occupie the occupacion, or mystery of making of feltes, or hattes as aforesaid, within the said citie, or county be licenced and admitted so to do by the Maiour, recorder, steward, & two iustices of the peace of the said citie, or by foure of them, or that haue bene apprentice to the same occupacion and mystery of feltes, & hattes making, by the space of. vii. yeres, & in like case oneles such person, or persons, that shall so make, or weaue dozneckes, or so occupie the occupacion or mystery of dozneckes weauynge within the said citie, or countie be licenced, or admitted so to do by the Maiour, recorder, steward, and

two Justices of the peace, of the said city, or by four of them, or that have bene apprentice to the said mystery, and occupation of doornikes weaving, by the terme of. vii. yeris. And onles he or they that shall so make, or weave couerlectes, or so occupy y artes or mystery of couerlectes, weaving, or makynge, be licenced and admitted so to do, by the Shaiour, recorder, stuarde, & two Justices of the peace of the said city or by. iiii. of them, or that have bene apprentice to thoccupacion, & mystery of couerlectes weaving, or making, by the space or terme of. vii. yeris.

And be it also enacted by thauthozity aforesaid, that no persone, or persons, shal from hencefurth make any feltes or hattes, or weave, or make any doornikes, or couerlectes, as aforesaid, or occupy, exercise or vse thoccupacion, artes, or mysteries, of making of hattes, or feltes, or weuing, or making of doornikes, or couerlectes, or any of the, as aforesaid in any place out of the said cite of Nozwich, within y said county of Noz. but onely in a corporate or market toun, vpo pain of forfeiting, aswel of the feltes, hattes, doornikes, and couerlectes, & euery of the, which shalbe made, wrought or wouen, contrary to the fourme, effect, and tenour of this acte, or of any part or clause thereof, as also x. s. for euery halfe doleine of the said feltes, or hattes, & of. iii. s. iiii. d. for euery couerlect, and of. vi. s. viii. d. for euery. vi. yardes of doornikes, so as is aforesaid, to be made, wouen or wroughte contrarye to this acte, thone halfe of which forfeitures to be to the kynge oure soveraigne lord, his heires, and successours, & the other haulf therof to the person or persons, that shal or wyll, or wyl seyse the same, or that wil, or shal sue for the same, or for any part therof, in the kinges court of the Gylde hal, within the said cite of Nozwich, or in any other of the kinges courtes of record, within this realme of England by action of detinue, debte, plaint, byl, or enformacion, or otherwise, in which said action, or actions, sute, bil, plaint, or enformacion, no essoin, wager of lawe, protection or fozen plea, to the iurisdiction of the courte, shalbe admitted or allowed.

Provided alway, that all and euery suche persone or persones, as do now dwel, or hereafter shal dwel, and exercise the mystery of doornikes, and couerlectes making, within the toun or parochie of Bulham, in the said county of Noz. shal and may occupy, & exercise the making of doornikes, and couerlectes, within the said toun of Bulham, as they have heretofore used to do: any thing in this act contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that yf the Shaiour, recorder, stuarde, or Justices of peace, of the said city for the time being, or any of them shal take any somme of money, or rewarde for admitting of any person to occupy, or vse any of the artes or mysteries aforesaid, that for euery suche time, and euery suche case the persone, so offendynge, shall lose and forfeite. b. l. the one parte of

whiche forfeiture, to be to our souereigne lord the king, and thother halfe to him, or them that shall sue for the same, as is aforesayd.

The. xxv. Chapter.

An acte for keepers of alehouses, to be bounde by recognisaunce.



Inasmuch, as intollerable hurtes, and troubles to the common wealth of this realme, daily doe grow and encrease through such abuses, and disorders, as are had, & vsed in commō alehouses, & other houses called tipling houses: It is therfore enacted by the king our souereigne lord, with the assent of the lordes, and commons in this present parliamēt assēbled, & by thau thority of the same, that the Iustices of peace within euery shiere, citie, borough, towne corporate, fraunchesse or libertie within this realme, or two of them at the least (wherof, one of the to be of the Quorum) shall haue full power and auctoritie, by vertue of this Acte, within euery shiere, citie, borough, towne corporate, fraunches, & liberty, where thei be Iustices of peace, to remoue, discharge and put away commune selling of ale, and biere, in the sayd commune Alehouses, and tipling houses, in such towne or townes, and places, where they shall thinke mete and conuenient. And that none after the first day of May next comming shall be admitted, or suffered, to kepe any commune alehouse, or tipling house, but such as shall be therunto admitted, & allowed in open sessions of the peace, or els by two Iustices of the peace, wherof one to be of the Quorum. And that the said Iustices of the peace, or two of the (wherof the one to be of the Quorum, shall take bonde and surety, from tyme to tyme, by recognisaunce of suche as shall be admitted, and allowed hereafter to kepe any commune alehouse, or tipling house, as wel for, and against the vsing of vnlawfull games, as also for the vsinge and maintenaunce of good order and rule, to be hadde and vsed within the same, as by their discretion shall be thought necessary, and conuenient for making of euery whiche recognisaunce, the partte or parties, y shall be so bounde, shall paye but. xii. s. And the said Iustices shall certifye the same recognisaunce, at the next quarter sessions of the peace to be holden within the same shiere, citie, borough, towne corporate, fraunchesse or liberty, where suche Alehouse, or tipling house shall be. The same recognisaunce there to remayne of recorde before the Iustices of peace of that shiere, citie, borough, towne corporate, fraunches or libertie vpon paine of forfeiture to the king for euery suche recognisaunce taken, and not certified. iii. l. s. vii. s. And it is further enacted by thau thority aforesaid, that the Iustices of peace of euery shiere, citie, borough, towne corporate, fraunchesse, & liberty,

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enter into recognisaunce
to keepe good order

justi quon to the iustices
these sessions to certifye
whether any one haue
not his recognisaunce

libertie, where such recognisaunce shalbe taken, shal haue power and aucthoritie by this act, in their quarter Sessions of the peace, by presentment, information or otherwise by their discretio, to enquire of al suche persons, as shalbe admitted and allowed to kepe any Alehouse, or Tipling house, and that be bounde by recognisaunce as is aboue sayd, yf they or any of them haue done any act or actes, wherby they or any of the haue forfeited the same recognisaunce. And the said Justices of every shiere, and places where they be Justices, shal vpon every suche presentment, or informatio, award processe against every suche person so presented, or complained vpon before them, to shewe why he should not forfeit his recognisaunce, and shal haue full power and aucthoritie by this acte, to heare & to determyne the same by al such waies & meanes, as by their discretio shalbe thoughte good.

And it is further enacted by the aucthority aforesaid, that yf any person or persons, other then suche as shalbe hereafter admytted and allowed by the sayd Justices, shal after the said first day of May, ob-
stinatly, and vpon his owne aucthoritie, take vpon him or the, to kepe a commune Alehouse, or tipling house, or shal contrary to the com-
maundement of the said Justices, or two of them, vse commonly selling of Ale or biero: that the y said Justices of peace, or two of them (wher of one to be of the Quorum) shal for every suche offence, comynitte every suche persone or persones, so offending to the comune Gaole, wythin the same Shiere, City, Borough, tounne corporate, fraunchesse or libertie, ther to remaine without baile or mainprise, by y space of .iii. daies. And before his or their deliuerance, the said Justice shal take recognisaunce for him or them so comitted, with two sureties that he, or they shal not kepe any commune Alehouse, Tipling house, or vse commonly selling of Ale or Biere, as by the discretio of the sayd Justices shalbe sene coueniēt. And the said Justices shal make certifficat of every suche recognisaunce, and offence, at the nexte quarter Sessions that shalbe holden within the same Shiere, City, Borough, Tounne corporate, fraunchesse or libertie, where the same shalbe committed, or Done. Which certifficat shalbe a sufficient conviction in the lawe, of the same offence. And the said Justices of peace vpon the sayde certifficat made, shal in open Sessions assesse the fyne for every suche offence, at twenty shyllinges.

Provided alwaye, that in suche townes & places, where any faier or faiers shalbe kept, that for the time onely of the same faier or faiers, it shalbe lawfull for every person and persones, to vse commune selling of Ale or Biere, in Bouthes or other places there, for the reliefe of the Kynges Subiectes, that shal repayre to the same, in such lyke maner and sorte as hath bene used, and done in tymes passed.

This acte, or any thing therein conteyned to the contrary, notwithstandinge.

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Those that grow contrary to this statute to be sent to the Gaole by 2 justices and sworn of the quorum then to remaine for 3 daies and longer except they put in surety not to offend so againe

every one thus offending for 20 shillings but not punishment

liberty in towns where fairs are

The. xxvi. Chapter.

An acte for writtes upon proclamations, and exigentes, to be curraunt within the county Palantine of Lancastre.



Here the countye of Lancastre is, and of longe tyme hath bene, one auncient county Palantine of it selfe, in whiche county the kynges wytt hath not, nor yet doth not renne, so that the wytte of proclamation awarded upon any exigend, agaynst any person or persons, inhabiting within the same county, in any action wherein processe of outlawrye dothe lye, accordynge to the statute made in the. vi. yere of the reigne of our late souereigne Lorde of famous memory, kyng Henry the eyght: cannot be directed to the shiere of the sayd county Palantyne, but vnto the Shiere of the county next adioynynge vnto the sayde county Palantine, so that the party dwelling within the sayde county Palantyne, agaynst whome any suche exigende, and proclamation hath bene, or shalbe awarded, hath not had, nor hereafter can haue any knowledge of the same sute, or procession, by reason wherof many persones inhabitynge within the sayde county Palantine, without knowledge haue bene outlawed, and hereafter be in lyke maner lyke to be outlawed, to theyr utter vnderdoynge, yf some speedy remedy be not the soner prouided:

Be it therfore, and for diuers other good considerations enacted, or deined, and established by the king our souereigne lord, with thassent of the lordes spiritual and tempozal, and the communes in this present parliament assembled, & by thauthozity of the same, that yf, and whensoever any wytt of exigende, at any tyme after the fyrste day of Apryll, next coming, shalbe awarded at the sute of the king, his heires or successours, kynges of this realme, or at the sute or sutes of any other person or persons, plaintiffe or plaintiffes in any actio, or sute in any of the courtes of our said souereigne Lord the king, his heires & successours, kynges of this realme, commonly called the kynges Bench, & the common place, agaynst any person or persones, dwelling within the said county palantine: that then immediately upon the awardynge of euery suche exigende, the Justice or Justices, before whom any suche wytte of exigende upon such sute, or action shalbe sued, shal haue full power & aucthoritie, by vertue of this acte, to award one wytt of proclamation, accordyng to the tenour and effect of writtes of proclamation awarded upon exigendes, & commonly directed out of any of the sayde courtes into London, or into any other shieres of this Realme, agaynst any person or persones, dwelling in other shiere or shieres of this realme where the kynges wytte doth renne, accordyng to the order & fourme of the said statute, made in the. vi. yere of the reygne of the

of the said late king, to be directed to the Shierese of the said county palatine of Lancaster, where it shal happen the said defendant against whome any suche action shalbe sued as is aforesaid, to be dwelling, & not to the Shierese of any other Shiere next adioyning to the sayd county palatine, any lawe custome, or blage, heretofore vbled to the contrary notwithstanding. And that every suche wytte of Proclamation so to be hereafter awarded to the Shierese of the said countie palatine shal haue the same teste & day of retourne, as the exigendes, wher vpon every suche wytte of proclamation shalbe awarded, shall haue. And that every suche Shierese of the sayd county Palantyne of Lancaster, to whome any suche wytte, & wittes of proclamation shalbe directed, shal make proclamations of the sayde wytte and wittes of proclamation, accozding to the tenour of the same, and shal make true returnes of the same, in such court and courtes, and befoze suche Justices as the tenour of the same wytte, & wittes of Proclamations, shall require and demaunde. And that all outlawries hereafter to be promulged, or pronounced against any person or persons, vpon any suche exigende, or exigendes awarded against any person or persons, dwellinge in the sayde county Palantyne of Lancaster, & no wytte of proclamations awarded in fourme abovesayde, to the Shierese of the sayd county Palantyne of Lancaster, where the party defendante shalbe as is aforesayde dwelling, or not returned, to be clerely voyde, and of none effecte nor force in the lawe.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that every Shierese of the said county Palatine for the time beyng, shal haue in every of the said courtes of the kinges bench, & of p̄comon place, one sufficient deputy at the least, to receive all suche wittes of proclamations, whiche shalbe hereafter directed to every suche Shierese of the said county Palatine, for whome the same deputy or deputies shalbe appointed in like maner & fourme, & vpō like paines as by the former statutes, and lawes of this realme, other Shiereses of other Shyres, or counties within this realme of Englande, be bounden to haue in eyther of the same courtes. And that al such wittes of proclamations aforesayd shalbe deliuered vnto every such deputy, or deputies of recorde in the same courtes, & either of them, & also like fees shalbe payd for makynge every suche wittes of proclamations, & for enrollynge the same of recorde, as is limited in the same statute, made in the said vi. yere of our sayd late souereigne Lord kyng Henry the. viii.

Be it further enacted and establisshed by thaucthoritie aforesayde, that yf any such writ, or wittes of proclamations hereafter to be directed to any Shierese of the said county Palatine of Lancaster, be deliuered vnto any of the Shiereses of the said county palatine for p̄time being, or to his or their deputy, or deputies, in maner & fourme aforesaid, & the same Shierese or Shiereses, do not make true retourne of every

suche writte and writtes of proclamacions into such courte and courtes, out of whiche the sayde writte or writtes of proclamaciōs shalbe awarded, that for every suche defaulte of non retourne everye suche Shierefe for the tyme beyng, shal lose and forfeite. v. l. the one halfe whereof shalbe to our soueraigne lord the king, his heires and successors, and the other haulf therof, to any suche persone or persons, as wil sue for the same, in one action of debte to be grounded vpon thys acte, in anye of the kynges courtes of recozde, wherein none eltopne, protection or wager of lawe shalbe allowed or admitted.

Provided alwaies, that this Acte or any thing therein conteined, shal not in any wyse extende, or be pzeudicial to the same countie Palantine of Lancaster, for, or concerning such liberttes, fraunchesses, or priuileges as belong to the same, or to any ministers or officers of the same Countie Palantine, other wyse or in any other maner thē by the true meaning of this act is befoze provided and declared, any thyng in this acte mencioned to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Provided also, and be it further enacted and establyshed by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that yf any person or persons, dwellynge within the said countie Palantine, after the aforesayde fyrste day of Apryl, shalbe outlawed in any suche sute or action, as is aforesaid, that then al writtes of special Capias vtlagatum, single capias vtlagatum, non molestandum & al other processe, for, or against any person or persons, so outlawed, shal and may from thencefurth be directed, from tyme to tyme, to the Chauncellour of the Duchie of Lancastre, who shal make lyke writtes and processe thereupon, and of lyke effecte, sealed wyth the seale of the sayd countie Palantine of Lancastre, to be directed to the Shierefe of the said countie Palantine, for the tyme beyng, as heretofore hath bene used, and accustomed in suche cases.

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